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Of many of the
People called **QUAKERS**,

WITH
A Brief Account of some of their
Labours in the **GOSPEL**, and
Sufferings for the same.

The Fourth **PART**.

By **John Field**.

*Let the Saints be joyful in Glory: Let them
Sing aloud upon their Beds. Psal. 149. 5.*

*—Blessed are the dead which die in the
Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spi-
rit, that they may rest from their Labours,
and their Works do follow them. Rev. 14. 13.*

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The Fourth PART.
By John Telford.

Let the Sinner be joyful in Christ; let him
sing aloud and shout for joy. For the Lord
— Blessed are the meek, which shall inherit the
Earth, from henceforth: for thus saith the Lord
that they may rest their souls in the Lord
and their Wives do follow: them Rejoice.

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THE PREFACE TO THE READER

By another Hand.

Friendly Reader,

GIVE ear to that Advice
which was given by
the Lawgiver in *Deut.*
29. in the Words of the
Song, wherein he broke
out saying, *Oh! that they*
were wise, that they under-
stood this, that they would

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consider their latter end, &c.
Herein is expressed his Care
for the Good of that People,
but how little many regard-
ed it, is very apparent, by
their Forgetfulness of the
Lord, who had done Mar-
velously for them; for how
did they provoke the Lord
to Anger, after divers Man-
ners, (as is recorded of them)
come by a *Vicious Course of*
Life, thereby neglecting both
their present Good, and future
Happiness; which might well
occasion the Prophet Amos
to say, *Amos 4. 12. Prepare*
to meet thy God, O Israel!
Here is an Agreement, and
Holy

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Holy Harmony of these good
Men in a matter of so great
Moment. A Cloud of the
like minded might be pro-
duced on this occasion (which
for Brevities sake is here o-
mitted) to shew the Care of
the Religious on this Account,
and also the Negligence of
the Irreligious; though they
wanted not a Profession, but
for want of fearing the Lord,
and serving of him, although
they had the Law dispensed
to them by the Disposition
of Angels; nevertheless they
were Disobedient and rebellious
against the Lord, and cast his
Law behind their Backs, and
Resisted.

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Rejoice the Holy Ghost, as
and the blessed Martyr Ste-
phen, whom they stoned to
Death, tho' they were not
able to resist the *Wisdom* and
Spirit by which he spake:
Wherefore let none profes-
sing *Christianity* follow their
Example; but by these fore-
going Instances, beware and
learn to mind the *Grace* of
our Lord *Jesus Christ*, that so
they may chuse the things
that belong to their *Peace*, be-
fore they are hid from their
eyes.

The *Promotion* of *Piety*,
was intended by the *Compiler*
of the *Three former Volumes*
of

of the Spirit, which I herewith
with such a General Inten-
tion, that many have desi-
red the Continuation of so
good a Work, which doth in-
deed conduce (through
the Good Spirit of God) to
awaken People to a Prepa-
ration for Death, a Work in-
deed so very necessary for
the Children of Men to ob-
serve, and be concerned
about, that none ought to
neglect it; for Death in-
certainly will overtake all
Flesh, but when, where, or
how, is generally hid from
Men, it's a Secret that the
Almighty has kept from
them.

is to be read in the beginning of the
book to be an *Reading* is
against the *Commandment* of the
Lord. And there are few that
will readily confess subho-
gation might to be (tho
by too many it is neglected)
in order to which I intend
that it may be thy chiefest
care to *Keep* *Gods* and *Keep*
his Commandments; for that is
the *Conclusion* of the whole
matter; without which *Red-
emption*, *Worship*, and *Confession*
is the very *Trill*, profiteth
little. Wherefore let *Gods*
be thy chiefest *Concern*,
that thou thereby mayst
have the *Profit* of *thy* *Life*,
woh A A and

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and of that which is to come,
Life Everlasting.

Oh ! prize the Season of
the Love of God unto thee,
in affording thee *Heavenly*
Light, by which thou may'st
see his Way, and how to
walk therein in *well-pleasing*
to him, who calls to thee by
a Word behind thee, saying
This is the Way, walk in it.

Reader, take heed to this
Teacher, which is come near
unto thy Soul, that thou
may'st be guided into all
Truth, by the Lord Jesus
Christ manifested in Spirit;
let him be thy Coun-
seller, and if Sinners en-
tice

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rice thee, comfort thou me, for
blessed is the Man who walk-
eth not in the Counsel of the
Ungodly, &c.

Awake, Oh! Daughter of
Sion, and wait for the coming
of the Bridegroom; Thou hast
a Lamp, take Oil in thy Ves-
sel, that thou may'st enter in
with him: Be wise betimes,
for Wisdom saith, I love them
that love me, and they that
seek me early shall find me:
And again, it's advised to
get Wisdom, and with all thy
getting, get Understanding;
the first is got by fearing the
Lord, the second by depart-
ing from Evil.

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The Exhortation of Old
was Remember thy Creator
in the Days of thy Youth, while
the Evil Days come not, when
thou shalt say, I have no plea-
sure in them; in the day when
the Keepers of the House, shall
Tremble, and the strong Men
shall bow themselves.

Prepare for such a Day
for what knowest thou
but it may be near to thy
door. Wherefore spend not
thy Time in Vanity, or
sua Core saying, What shall
eat? Or, What shall I drink?
Or, Wherewithal shall I be
cloathed? but first seek the
Kingdom of God, and his Right-
eousness,

things, and all these things
 shall be added; For your heavenly
 Father (said our blessed
 Lord) knoweth what you have
 need of these things. And
 the Psalmist said, I have been
 young, and now I am Old;
 yet have I not seen the Right-
 eous forsaken, nor his Seed beg-
 ged Bread: By all which
 it both appear, that the Al-
 mighty, who feedeth the
 Ravens, provideth a neces-
 sary Supply for his Children,
 and a little with the Blessing
 of the Lord is sufficient; al-
 though with some a great deal
 is not served; for (for
 want of a moderate Care) some
 like

like the Prodigal, have spent
their Portion; others through
Sloth, which comes to what
the wise Man said, *He that
is slothful in Business, is Bro-
ther to him that is a great
Waster*: Wherefore let thy
Moderation appear in all
things; neither be over-
thoughtful to get, nor care-
less in spending.

Live not unto thy self, but
unto him who died for thee,
and rose again, who was our
great Pattern of self-denial,
and taught, that if any Man
would come after him, he must
deny himself, and take up his
daily Cross: Which, if thou
proves

proves hard to some, as it
did to the Young Man, Mat.
19. 22. who went away for-
rowful, and would no more
sell all that he had, tho' for
the gaining *Eternal Life*, no
more will many now forsake
God, and do Good, that they
may dwell for evermore.

What Argument shall be
used, to perswade Men to
live after *Peace with God*,
and *Acceptance with him*?
I chose with Mary the
good Part; which may be
obtained unto by true Hu-
mility and the Fear of the
Lord, as was evidenced by
her *Penitence* and true Con-
trition.)

trition,) which is but little regarded by some, especially of the *Youth*; who rather are pleasing themselves with the *Gaiety* and other *Vanities* of *this World*, spending much of their *precious Time* in *adorn- ing themselves* after the foolish *Modes*, and *vain Fashions* thereof, which passeth away

How many spend their *Days* thus, and in a *Moment* go down to the *Grave*, when their *Candle* is put out: little is *Eternity* thought of, that when *Death* comes, is the greater *Surprize* to such, who are ready to say, *Woe unto us, for the Day*

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Day, week, month, and the Shadows of the Evening are stretched out: Then a little more time to recover Strength, or make their Peace with God, would be greatly Acceptable to such whose Glass is near run, who are travelling through the Valley of the Shadows of Death, and the Glory of this World is faded, the Beauty of it is fled away: What would a Soul in such distress give (if it were to be purchas'd) for an Inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven.

It might be said on this Subject, of Reminding the Living to prepare to Die, that a Volume might be writ to that purpose, without meddling with the Souls of the Deceased, but the Words of dying may make a deeper Impression than what is here written.

Therefore recommend thee, serious Reader, to the Perusal of what follows, and to the Grace of God, by which it may be made Advantageous to thy Everlasting well-being, when Time here shall be no more.

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The Introduction of the
and also the Professor of the
ing, Educated in the Doctrine of the
Christian Religion, will not in any way to
the happiness, if the doing of it be
to the glory of God.

Introduction.

Prayer, and the Sacraments or Ordinances,
and a right understanding

Pursuant to the Title of the following
Collection, made, viz. **Pietie**
the Righteous, who are in
in their Death, and resurrection, and
the loving invitation of the Lord
Christ, viz. Come ye Blessed of
Father, enter you into the King-
dom prepared for you from the
Foundation of the world.

Also to them that they are those
truly believe in God, and the Lord Jesus
Christ, his dear Son, that came from him
who receive that Power through which
they are enabled to do Righteousness, and
by him only are made Righteous, it is such
that Promote Pietie.

and to the Lord Jesus Christ, who keep not his Com-
mandments.

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The Knowledge only of what is right and good, the Profession thereof, or being Educated in the Doctrines of the Christian Religion, will not Intitle any to Eternal Happiness, if the doing Part be wanting; for Piety is not Promoted by a bare Notion and Profession, or saying Prayers, hearing Sermons or Declarations, but by a holy Life, and a right ordered Conversation; nor Salvation to any of the Professors of Christianity, from Sin whilst here, nor from Eternal Wrath hereafter, by any other way than by Faith and Obedience unto Christ; for they that Fear God, and work Righteousness whilst here, will find Acceptance with God, and enjoy his Favour: And if they continue Faithful therein unto Death, shall have the Crown of Life, whether Young or Old: for as they Fear the Lord, he teaches them, and they learning of him, come to be Established in Righteousness, and knew their Peace to be great whilst here, and do Inherit Glory in God's Kingdom hereafter: But if any pretend to Love Christ, and continue doing Evil, such keep not his Com-
mands,

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man, abide not in his Doctrine, nor Love him; for by their Evil doing they declare they hate the Light; and living in Iniquity are found in that which is hateful in God's Sight; from all which, he in great Love sent his Son to Redeem Mankind.

It's therefore by me tenderly desired, for the Promotion of Piety, that all may think of God, and seriously consider their latter End, Love, Receive, and Learn of the Light, Grace, and Spirit of God, which is in them, and shew what's Evil, and reprove them, when they think, speak, or do amiss; for this Spirit will give to all who join with it, a Good Understanding, and enable them to prize and improve their present Time, and strengthen unto every Good Word and Work, and preserve them, whether Young or Old, in that Fear towards God, which Abraham had, that was God's Friend, whom when God had tried, he said, Now I know thou fearest me.

Oh! how Excellent is the Fear of God? so Generally and Worthily commended; tho' by many too little minded, and Dood

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in: which is the Cause Piety is no more Promoted. But that it may by all that profess and desire to be God's People and Children, let them learn and live in that Holy Fear, which Moses wrote of, Deu. 4. 10. saying, That the People should learn to Fear God all the Days that they should live upon the Earth; for all those that do not Fear God, (but love and live in Sin) the Lord of Hosts, said he, will be a swift Witness against them: But if Mankind Fear him as they ought, and think upon his Name, the Lord of Hosts hath said, They shall be his.

Let not therefore the Love of the World, or the Things of it, or the fading Vanities, Sinful Pleasures, or Evil Lusts that are therein, either of the Eye, the Flesh, or Pride of Life, be followed by any that would Promote Piety, and die Happily, and live Eternally.

Note, 1. I esteem myself obliged in the following Account, to give hints of some of the Labours, Services, and Sufferings of the deceased, the better to lead

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to the ~~meaning~~ of some of their Expressions, and to shew forth the Virtue and Excellency of that Faith they had in Christ, who suffered and died for them, and that it was not only given to them to believe, but also to suffer for his Names sake.

2. To excite all that have not received Christ, the true Light, to receive, believe in, Love and obey him faithfully unto Death.

3. As a Memorial of the Deceased, and for the sake of the Living, that they, by the Dying Sayings of the Deceased, may be stirred up, as aforesaid, to remember and prepare for their latter End, and to make a blessed Conclusion here, and then to be favoured with the like Assurance in their last Moments, as the Deceased mentioned in the following Accounts had, to the Comfort of their Souls, and Satisfaction of their near and dear Relations and Friends, who were the more confirmed in the Belief of what they said, being then about to Launch into Eternity, at which time every awaked Conscience dares not Dissemble, that desire to be happy hereafter.

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If Reading the following Treatise, written for these Ends, be in any wise Instrumental to the Good of the Living, to excite them to prepare for their latter End, as I pray God it may, my Design will be answered, and the Great God, through Jesus Christ shall have the Praise, for he is worthy for ever, saith my Soul.

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John Whiting of Naylsey in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, in the Year, 1654. when John Andland and John Cam, two Eminent Ministers among the People called Quakers, were first sent from the North of England, to Bristol, and the adjacent Counties, freely to Preach the Gospel of the Grace of God, and to turn People from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto God. Then the said John Whiting was Convinced of the blessed Truth, and received it in the Love thereof, as it was Professed by those call'd Quakers; and

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also received the Ministers of it into his House, as he had the Truth they declared into his Heart; And had Meetings held at his House, for to wait upon God, and worship him in the Spirit of his dear Son; and for his Ministers freely to Preach the Gospel of Peace and Salvation, as they were sent and required by him.

And although the Truth, and those that received it were greatly despised in those early Days; yet this Disciple of Christ, being made Partaker of the like Precious Faith that was once delivered to the Saints, was zealous for the Truth, it being given to him not only to believe, but also to suffer for the sake of Christ, amongst the first of those People (to whom he was joined) in that County, and remained Faithful unto Death.

In the time of his Sickness, and near his End, in a Sense of the Love of God, and in Love to his Wife with a desire that she, who was then

Young

Young in the Truth, which he had received, professed, and had suffer'd for, and found Peace and Comfort in. He exhorted her, saying, ' As thou hast believed in the Light, so walk in it; which shewed as he loved Christ the true Light, he desired she might walk therein. And truly there are none but those that do Evil, who hate the Light; neither can such be saved, until they come to believe and walk in the Light, as all the Nations of them that are saved do, and it's not doubted but this our Friend did, and died in the Faith of Christ, and in Peace with God through him.

He died the 9th of the 4th Month, 1658. Aged about 27 Years, having been Convinced 4 Years.

A N N E Dewsbury, Wife of William Dewsbury, then of Wakefield in Yorkshire, an Hand-maid of the Lord, in the beginning of the 7th Month, 1659. had a Revelation (or Dream) from the Lord, that her outward Man was nigh to be finished, and tho' she might be exercised with much Weakness; yet in the midst thereof the Lord would strengthen her with his Presence, and in him she should overcome the last Enemy which is Death: And having assurance of what was revealed, tho' at that time she was in good Health, she made ready what might be serviceable when her Change came, and about the 29th of the said 7th Month, some Weakness came upon her, which increased so much, that she was many times, to the outward appearance near laying down of the Body; yet the Lord preserved her in much Patience

tience, and fresh in his Love.— Her
 Husband being gone to the farthest
 Part of *Scotland* in the Service of
 Truth, and to publish the Day of
 the Lord, and Preach the Gospel of
 Christ, was moved of the Lord, the
 9th of the 8th Month to return to
 her, and on the 28th of the 8th
 Month, 1639. he was brought to her
 with Joy in the Lord; after which
 she was weaker in her outward Man,
 but the Lord gave her Strength by
 his living Presence to wait till her
 Change came, which drew near, and
 being exercised in her Affliction,
 which lay heavy upon her, she called
 to her Husband, with certain Friends,
 saying, *Pray to the Lord that he may*
ease his afflicted Hand-maid. And the
 Lord moved them to call upon him,
 and immediately he took away the
 heavy Affliction. Then she magnified
 the Lord, saying, *Blessed be his Name,*
he hath heard our Prayers, and caused
his Handmaid to rejoice. Then she
 embraced her Husband in her Armes,
 saying, *Thou art my dear Husband,*

thou art my dear Husband, thou art clear before the Lord, and hast discharged thy Duty, and answered thy Place, like an Honest Man to thy Wife, thou art blessed of the Lord, large is thy Reward. Then she expressed these Words, saying, Dear Husband, I am clear before the Lord thy God, I have no Guilt upon my Spirit, in the Covenant of Light and Life, sealed with the Blood of Jesus, I am at Eternal Peace with him.

Then she exhorted the Friends present, saying, Oh! Friends, get into the Covenant of Light and Life, get into the Covenant, be faithful to the Voice that cries, This is the Way, walk in it. Then her Strength was much gone, yet prayed to God a season of time longer, and breathing to the Lord till much spent, some that stood by her, seeing her Lips and Mouth move, but did not understand what her Words were, asked if she spake to them and what she wanted, she answer'd, I spake not to you, neither do I want any thing of you. Some time after she called for her Husband, who was near,

near, and presently spake to her, saying, *Dear Wife what would'st thou wish me, she answered, I would have thee be with me and see me dye.* He sate down by her, then imbracing her Husband in her Arms, and with breathings to the Lord, laid down her Body with Joy in Peace, with him.

A NTHONY Patrickson, formerly of Stockow, in the Parish of Lamplugh in Cumberland, Receiv'd Truth in those Parts of the Country, with the first, and was made by the Lord a Minister of the Everlasting Gospel, and travelled in several Places of the Nation of England, and through Scotland, Ireland, and the Isle of Man, and was diligent in attending Meetings, and Admonishing and Instructing the Weak, and remained steadfast to the End. He was of a Lamb-like

like Spirit, Meek, Gentle, not easily provoked, ready to do Good, and walked honestly, was of Godly Conversation, and preached therein to those that were Enemies to the Gospel; so that they would confess, *If all the Quakers were like him, surely they were a good People.* When taken Sick, he saw he must depart this Life, and immediately the incomes of the Love of God did break in upon his Spirit, with sweet Comfort and Consolation, and he said, *The Lord hath given me an Assurance of that blessed Inheritance that never will have end.*

Thus did this Faithful Witness finish his Testimony, and end his Race of this mortal Life, the latter end of the 6th Month, 1660.

MARY Page, Wife to William Page of Wellingbrough in the County of Northampton, a true and faithful Handmaid of the Lord, was taken

taken Sick at *Warwick-Prison*, where she had been a Prisoner, during the space of Eleven Months and upwards, for the Testimony of the Name of the Lord, which faithful Testimony she sealed with her Blood, to the Joy of all that beheld her Innocent Passage in the Power of the Eternal God. This Handmaid of the Lord, was enlarged through the Pourings forth of the Spirit of the Lord, and upon her Death-bed, in great Power exhorted all to be Faithful and abide in the Covenant of Light, and be truly Obedient in the meek, lowly, humble, and self-denying Spirit of our Lord Jesus, that in the pure Love and Righteousness of God, all the dear Babes and Children of our Father might live in pure Union with the Lord, and one with another, to bear a bold and faithful Testimony for the Lord, whatever became of the Body, it would (she told them) be well every way, both to the inward and Outward Man, and to the Praise and Glory of the Lord for ever. And many times when she ended her Exhortation, she poured

ed forth her Spirit in Supplication to
 the Lord with great fervency, and
 what follows is noted. "Oh! Thou
 ' powerful God, who art the Searcher
 ' of all Hearts, behold thy Hand-
 ' maid; and if there be any thing
 ' that is not upright before thee in
 ' the Heart of thy Handmaid, make
 ' it known to me, thou Searcher of
 ' Hearts; for thou knowest I delight
 ' to stand approved in thy Sight in all
 ' thy Ways; for thou art my dear
 ' Father, and hast not fail'd thy
 ' Handmaid in whatever thou hast
 ' called me to unto this Day; but
 ' thy Presence hath attended me, and
 ' comforted me through every Trial
 ' and Besetment, that the Enemy of
 ' my Soul hath compassed me about
 ' withal. Oh blessed God! How hast
 ' thou kept and preserved me to thy
 ' self, and through the Power of the
 ' Lord Jesus Christ made me to
 ' trample upon the Enemy of my
 ' Soul's Peace: Therefore in the
 ' Name and Power of the Lord Jesus
 ' Christ, doth my Soul praise thee,
 O my

O my God, for my Preservation in the Power and Authority of thy Spirit, to bear my Faithful Testimony for thee my God, all my Days until I have finished my Course in thy Will. Oh! Lord my Strength and Life for ever and ever. And dear Father, look upon thy poor oppressed Ones, that have no Life but in thee: Oh! how do they cry in a Sense of their Misery: Lord help or we die: Oh! Lord thou knowest their Necessities, and their Wants: are not hid from thee, whose Righteousness without thee is as filthy Rags: Therefore do they cry unto thee, nothing will satisfy them but thy Presence. Oh Powerful Father! Raise up thy own begotten in the Power and Authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, to Reign over all its besetments, that the Mourner may rejoyce, and the bowed down Head may be lifted up, and every Hungry and Thirsty Soul satisfied with the Bread and Water of Life, which thou freely handest forth by the Hand

' Hand of our Mediator Christ Jesus
 ' our Lord, not for any thing that
 ' we have done, or do, but for thy
 ' own Name sake, that all Flesh and
 ' Boasting may be laid in the Dust,
 ' and all Crowns cast down before
 ' thee, that thou alone may have all
 ' the Glory, whose right it is over
 ' all, faith my Soul, for ever and
 ' ever. And yet notwithstanding
 ' that all we have or receive is in thy
 ' free Mercy in Christ Jesus, yet
 ' this giveth not any Liberty to Sin.
 ' Oh! Lord thou knowest, but ra-
 ' ther ingageth us that are born again
 ' to abhor our selves, and to stand up
 ' on our Watch diligently, that the
 ' Enemy may not enter with any of
 ' his Wiles, to cause us to abuse thy
 ' Grace and free Mercies, which thou
 ' hast so freely manifested to us, in the
 ' Name of the Lord Jesus, when we
 ' had not any Power to help our
 ' selves: Therefore doth my Soul
 ' with the Souls of thy dear and faith-
 ' ful Children, cry unto thee to kee-
 ' us Pure in thy Holy Power, the

' in Meekness and true Sincerity of
 ' Heart, we may wait upon thee, and
 ' be Obedient in whatever thou calls
 ' us unto, even to the Loss of Hus-
 ' band, or Wife, or Children, or
 ' what ever else thou requirest, if it
 ' be to the laying down of the out-
 ' ward Man, for thy Glorious Truth,
 ' it will be well every way with all
 ' that have not any Comfort or Help
 ' but in thee, thou Ever-living God,
 ' to whom be all Glory and Honour
 ' for ever. And Holy Glorious Fa-
 ' ther of Life, bless and preserve all
 ' the People that make mention of
 ' thy Holy and Eternal Truth, here,
 ' and here-away, and all my Fellow-
 ' Prisoners, with all thy Suffering-
 ' Members every where, and my dear
 ' Husband and Children, God bless
 ' and preserve them, and take Care
 ' of them: Oh ! my God, do well for
 ' them every way, in keeping them
 ' Faithful, with my own Soul, unto
 ' the end of our Days, whether they
 ' be few or many, thy Will be done.
 ' Oh ! thou Holy Eternal God, keep
 ' thy

' thy Dear Children from whence I
 ' came, Oh! Lord thou knows how
 ' dear they are to me; but I commit
 ' them wholly to thy Care, Oh! my
 ' God; whom I know certainly will
 ' never fail them that are of an up-
 ' right Heart, and cannot be satisfied
 ' but with thy Living, Eternal Pre-
 ' sence in the Lord Jesus, to whom
 ' I commit them all, if I never see
 ' their Faces in the outward any
 ' more; I know it will be well both
 ' with me and them, as we give up
 ' unto thee, to be ordered according
 ' to thy Will, our little time we have
 ' here to be upon the Earth; to the
 ' Glory and Honour of thy great
 ' Name, thou Everlasting Glorious
 ' Father of Life, to whom alone it
 ' doth belong, saith my Soul, with the
 ' Souls of all thy Beloved and Faith-
 ' ful Children and Servants, that thou
 ' hast chosen to glorifie thee, who
 ' alone is God over all, blessed for
 ' ever, and evermore. And when
 she had done, a Friend asked her how
 she did, she said, *I am weak, but I*
would

would go home : *What*, said the Friend, to thy *Eternal Home* ? She smiled and said, *Yea*, when it pleaseth my heavenly Father. Her tender and loving Husband being there with her, drew near unto her, and she in much Love stroaked him on the Face with her Hand, when Tears trickled down his Cheeks, and Friends weeping by her, after a little time she put her Husband from her, and said, *Give me up freely into the Arms of my heavenly Father* ; and she spake no more, but within a little time finished her Course with Joy, and laid down her Body in Peace, near the 4th Hour in the Morning, the 17th of the 10th Month, 1665.

Robert Hatton, of Hatton in Cheshire, was an Eminent Minister of the Gospel, and Faithful in his Labours and Travells to Preach the same for many Years, of a good Example,

ample, and adorned the Doctrine of Christ, and in his Innocent Life preached Righteousness at home and abroad. He was a Man of Substance Solid and Grave, and had a good Sense of God upon his Spirit, and a Divine Understanding of things that tended to the Honour of God, and the Churches Peace, he dearly loved Unity, and laboured earnestly to promote it; every appearance of that which obstructed it was Grief to him, but the increasing Fellowship of the Church his Soul rejoiced in: He was Zealous for the Holy Truth, and concerned for the Glory of God, his Soul hated the very appearance of Evil, and a sharp Reprover of the Loose, Prophane, Heady and High-minded, and such that were Lovers of Pleasures, more than Lovers of God, and being a Possessor of the Wisdom that's from above, was mild in Exhortation, and loved Tenderness in whomsoever it appeared, and ready to help the Weak. In Suffering of a Noble Spirit, bold for the Truth,

Truth, wholly resigned in the Will of God, come what would come; being a Man of Courage, and gave great Encouragement unto Suffering Friends, a Faithful Follower of the Lamb, whatever Tribulations or Imprisonments, he met with, or Fines that were imposed upon him, for the Testimony that the Lord had given him to bear. And when spoken to, not to Preach, he mildly answered, *If the Lord, kindle a Sacrifice, who can forbear to offer.* And where-ever he travelled, he left a good Savour behind him.

The Day before he departed this Life, some of his Friends were with him, to whom he spake of things relating to the Inner Man, and said cheerfully, *My Spirit is very easie, and there is no Guilt or Burthen upon me:* And at their parting he said, *The Lord knows whether we may see the Faces one of another again.* And the Day following laid down his Head no doubt in Peace with God, and is at rest.

Elizabeth

E *Lizabetb Huntington*, Daughter of *Robert Huntington* of *Bowsted-hill* in *Cumberland*, was of an Innocent Life and blameless Conversation, and a good Example of a meek and gentle Spirit, careful and tender over all in whom the least appearance of Truth manifested it self. And when it pleased the Lord God by his mighty Power, to raise her up as an Instrument in his Hand to declare his Wonders, and shew forth his Praise; her Travels and Labours were great for the Truth's Sake, to turn People unto the Lord; being not satisfied to eat her Morsel or Bread alone: And her Faithfulness to Truth, was as her Crown to her latter end.

About the 7th Month, 1678. her mouth was opened by the Power of the Lord, in which she grew exceedingly in the Truth, and the Lord gave her Wisdom abundantly, and she became

became Valiant for the Lord, and bore an honourable Testimony for his Name and Truth, and was a good Example, and by her Faithfulness many were turned to the Lord, for she Laboured earnestly for the good of all People, and in the Year, 1679. she travelled with *William Johnson*, and *Jane Seally*, into *Northumberland*, *Bishoprick*, and *Yorkshire*.

And in 1680. she visited Friends in *Scotland*, with her Companions, *Frances Liddle*, and *Richard Perkin*, and returned to her Father's House after about three Months Travel. And soon after went again into *Northumberland*, *Bishoprick*, and *Yorkshire*, and returned to her Father's in the 6th Month.

And upon the 3d of the 7th Month was taken Sick, and after some time, she said to her Sister, *I must leave this troublesome World and go into Immortality*; and the Lord kept her near to himself; and as tho' she had fallen asleep she laid down her Head in Peace on the 9th of the 7th Month, and was

was Buried the 10th, in the 23d Year of her Age. In the Ministry 2 Years.

Edward Jefferys of Charlecot in Wiltshire, was concerned after he had spoken several Precious Words to those that were with him upon his Death-Bed, to give forth the following Paper, which was taken from him by Andrew Shepperd, and being Remarkable and Prophetical its here inserted, viz.

A Word of Exhortation and Warning from the Servant of the Lord Edward Jefferyes, which on the 4th of the 11th Month, 1685. the Power of the Lord was in him, and it constrained him powerfully to Exhort all to Faithfulness; saying,

Dear Hearts, A trying Day is yet a coming on this Nation; for the Lord will yet farther visit it, and

and he will sweep away Thousands to the Grave. I Propheſie of it in the pure Fear of Almighty God, who ſpeaks through me his Inſtrument, which has followed him Faithfully, and now Heavens Joys are prepared for me, and for all thoſe that faithfully follow him, as I have done: I have walked in the Narrow Way of Life and Peace; but how many are running in the Broad Way that leads to Deſtruction. All my time from my Youth upward, I was inclinable to that which was Good: And who would ſpend away his Day in Vanity and Folly? Seeing the ſhortneſs of time that we have here, to that we ſhall have hereafter. And, dear Hearts, be not concerned for me, altho' the Lord is pleaſed to remove me, he will raiſe up many Friends, when I am gone, for I muſt certainly go the way of all Fleſh, and it will be but a little time, but you will come after me. Therefore I deſire you may ſo walk, as becomes the bleſſed Truth of our God: For becauſe of Pride,
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the Lord is offended with many that are under the Profession of the blessed Truth, which I have sought to promote in my Day, and that the Lord would carry it on to his own Praise: Often hath my Heart been bowed down in the Night Season; often intreating the Lord in behalf of all; often crying to the Lord for the Restoration of poor fallen Man, universally for all; often hath my Spirit been poured out to the Lord for this King *James II.* that now is, that he might be a Promoter of the blessed Truth and Righteousness in his Day: But I fear whether this will be the Man; yet, I say, the Lord will raise up one in his stead, that shall be as a Nursing Father, and as a Nursing Mother in *Israel*. God's Truth shall Prosper in this Land, the 4th of the 11th Month, 1685.

The deceased was an honest Faithful Man in his Day, and a Minister of the Gospel of Peace, and Laboured therein freely for the good of Souls, and died in Peace with God, and is at rest.

Mar-

M *Argaret Berry, Wife of William Berry of Choctank in Maryland,* was a Mother in *Israel*, a Teacher of good Things, desired the good of all, and the Lord was with her, she was of a meek Spirit, diligent in Meeting, and stirred up Friends thereunto, faithful to the Lord in all her Trials and Exercises she met with in this World, not willing to gratifie the Worlds Spirit; but ready to testifie against all Superfluity in what kind soever, as in Apparel, or other ways, went plain and decent in modest Apparel with Sobriety, and was Exemplary therein to Young Women, preferring a meek and quiet Spirit, as the best Ornament, willing to do good to all, especially to the Household of Faith, careful to see all things in order in her Family, Discreet, Chast, Obedient in her Place, ready to give up her Husband freely to the Lord's

Lord's Service even to the last, loved Unity amongst Friends.

And as she lay upon her Death Bed, (her Husband being from home, in the Service of Truth,) with Daniel Gould of Road-Island) in and about Acamack,) before several Friends she said, I am freely given up to the Will of the Lord, and if it be his Will to remove me hence, I am well satisfied with what his Will and Pleasure is, and am satisfied that I shall lay down my Head in Peace with him, blessed be his Name for ever : And tho' my Pain be great upon my outward Man, I am kept and born above my Pain through the Goodness of the Lord, in that I have nothing laid to my charge; but that I have discharged my Conscience in his sight by his assisting Power. So finding her self very weak in Body, not knowing how short her time might be, desired her Brother Pitt to write what she had on her Mind by way of a Will, and said at that time, I would have all left to my dear Husband (if living :) And if any Part of what I have done, or the whole, be

be not agreeable to his Mind, he may make it void at his Pleasure; for I would not do any thing that should grieve him, for he never deserved it at my Hands.

Then she also desired him to write a Letter for her to her Husband, as followeth.

DEAR and Loving Husband,
William Berry, After my endeared Love to thee, and dear *Daniel Gould*, I thought meet to let thee know, that I being very weak in Body, and not knowing what the Will of the Lord is touching my outward Man; Yet in this am I comforted and refreshed, that the Lord is not wanting to refresh me with the Smiles of his Countenance, and am satisfied it shall be well with my inward Man, and that when I shall lay down my Head, it will be in Peace with the Lord, into whose Hands I commit my self, being freely given up, whether Life or Death, which is more Satisfaction, than my tongue can Express.

So

So, *Dear Heart*, having something
 in my Mind, to have a few Lines
 writ as a *Will*, and I could not see
 thy Face, (which thing I more de-
 sired than any outward Enjoyment)
 so could not confer with thee: yet
 what I have done in that kind, if I
 should not see thy Face in Mutabili-
 ty, it is not my Mind to do any
 thing to grieve thee, or against thy
 Mind: But when thou perusest
 what I have writ, thou mayst, if it
 please thee, perform or make void
 at thy Pleasure; which I leave to
 thy Consideration, not desiring to
 grieve thee, nor that thou should'st
 be streightned in thy Mind, or o-
 therwise, upon this Account; or
 bring thy self under upon any Ac-
 count: but as I have said, it may be
 with great Clearness: So commit-
 ting thee, with my self, unto the
 Lord, I take leave, and remain thy
 true and loving Wife,

Margaret Berry

The 12th of the
2d Month, 1688.

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The Day she departed, several Friends being there, she desired them to be called together, and said, I have something to say, if the Lord enable me, as touching my Burial, my dear Husband being from home, must be left to you, and I desire there may be nothing of great Preparation for the same, though some may say it's Covetousness, it matters not; we have enough: but I am against gratifying the World's Spirit; for since I professed the Truth, I never had Unity with Superfluity at Burials, or Marriages, especially at Burials, and have born my Testimony often against such things, as some of you are my Witnesses, and my dear Husband is one with me, and I know if such a thing should be at my Burial, it would grieve him, who is gone upon Truth's Account, and I have freely given him up. So if any Friend have anything to object, they may freely speak.

All Friends were one with her in that Concern, and she farther said, I desire you may all keep in Unity, and be of one Mind. And desired James Berry

to make her Coffin, being Cheerful in her Spirit; and desired Friends to Remember her dear Love to her dear Husband, and dear Daniel Gould, and Friends. At another time, she said unto Friends that were with her, Have your Eyes to God, whom I desire may support the little Remnant that is left behind: There are but a few, but the Lord is All-sufficient, and as you are faithful, you will be preserved; for indeed there are a few, that have the weight of Truth upon their Spirits. The Lord if it be his Will, raise up Standard-Bearers, and carry on his own Work. At another time, she said, Sure People had need have nothing to do at this time, but to wait upon God, and when it shall please him to remove them: — And if it be so with me; O how will many do when their dying Hour approaches. Then said, Lord hasten thy Work, for there is no ease upon this Feather-Bed for my Body: But I shall be at ease, when my Body is laid in its cold Bed of Clay. Some Hours before she departed, she desired all Friends to go to Bed, and

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ful took her leave of them, as if she was
to going to her long Home, (as indeed
ear she was.) A little before she de-
and parted, the Lord gave her ease;
said which, she said, she never expected in
her Body, for which she praised the
her Name of the Lord: So lay still after-
esire wards, and all was well with her,
left being freed from the Pangs of Death,
the as appeared by her patient waiting
are the appointed time of the Lord, as
if she was Slumbering. So in that
in quiet Stilness continued till she gave
neigh up the Ghost, and no doubt but she is
Lord up the Ghost, and no doubt but she is
dard Blessed: As she lived in the Lord,
Work she died in him, and is rested from
People her Labours, and her good Works
time followed her.

And She had given many other heaven-
ly Exhortations, not noted; to several
Friends, and to her Youngest Son,
aches and others of her Family, and se-
rk, for veral Relations, exhorting all to
Bed for Faithfulness, Diligence and true Hu-
, when mility before the Lord.

of Clay Her Age, the Day of her Death,
ed, the nor place of Burial, I have no exact
d, and Account of.

T *Thomas Fell*, late of *Chappel-House* in the Parish of *Trebu*, and County of *Cumberland*, was Convinc'd in the Year, 1653. it being soon after the Lord had reveal'd his Truth in the North; and he was also the First Married amongst Friends, at least in those Parts. And although he owned *Marriage* an Ordinance of God; yet he could not find in all the Holy-Scriptures, that God ever appointed any of his Priests, or Ministers, to Marry any, or appointed they should have Money for so doing: Yet he was cast in Prison at *Carlisle*, for not being Married by a Priest, and giving him Money. And there the said *Thomas Fell* remained Prisoner one Year, and before he had his Liberty, his Wife died, and afterwards was Prisoner near Ten Years, at the Suit of one *Edward Relf*, and *Hugh Simpson*, Impropriators, for not paying Ten Pence per Year,

Year, for Tythes, which they call'd
Prescription-Money; for which he suf-
 fer'd Cheerfully, and with Patience,
 and never murmured, and after it plea-
 sed the Lord that he got his Liberty
 clearly, he travell'd in the publick
 Service of Truth, bearing Testimony
 thereto, freely Preaching the Gospel
 of Christ, in England, and Scotland,
 and Divine Openings of Heavenly
 Things he had, and was of a blame-
 less Life and Conversation, and ser-
 viceable where he lived, and as he
 grew in Years, he grew in Gravity
 and Zeal for the Lord, and for the
 Promotion, and Prosperity of the
 great Work the Lord hath begun in
 the Earth, even to the Day of his
 Departure. A Friend visiting him,
 near the same Hour of his Departure,
 his Memory was perfect, and he said,
Truth is as Precious as ever, for which I
have been freely given up to Suffer, La-
bour, and Travel, both in our own Coun-
ty, and in Scotland. Indeed he be-
 came as a Pillar in the Lord's House,
 and when, by reason of bodily weak-
 ness,

ness, he could not travel, he was concerned, that Friends might be kept in Unity, and walk in the Fellowship of the Gospel: And a little before his Departure, he enquired, whether they were in Love one with another, and if there were no Rent or Division; and when it was reported to him, That Friends were mostly well, and Truth prospered, he was comforted, and in great Peace he departed this Life, 1697. in Unity with the Brethren. Aged 73 Years.

William Tovey, late of Henley upon Thames, in Oxfordshire, Maultster, was Convinced of the Blessed Truth in his Young Days, and lived unto a good old Age, and had many Children, whom he had Care to train up in the way they should walk, and therein he, through Faithfulness, hath found Peace: He was a Just and Religious Man, careful to discharge his Duty to Almighty God, and to preserve his Peace with him

him through Jesus Christ his dear Son, whom God hath sent a Light into the World, that all Men through him might believe, and by that Power which through Faith he received, he was enabled to shew a Godly, and Exemplary Conversation, and thereby did adorn the Doctrine of Christ our Saviour, and in the time of his bodily Weakness, was kept in a sweet and tender Frame of Spirit, and a few Days before he departed out of this Mortal Life, his Children being by him, he, in sweetness and tenderness of Spirit, said unto them, *Be Faithful to the Lord, and serve him in your Generation.* And in particular, calling his Son Caleb unto him, and taking him by the Hand, said, *Dear Caleb, the Lord hath a Blessing in store for thee, be thou Faithful,* and repeating it said, *Be thou faithful, and the Lord hath a Blessing in store for thee;* with more weighty Expressions not noted, and he added unto Caleb, saying, *I desire thou mayst succeed in my Place; but with me may say, thou being but a Young Man,*

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thou

thou art too forward; mind it not, but
be thou faithful, and keep thine Eye to the
Lord, and he'll be thy Reward.—Then
he said, Oh! that a Young Generation

*Hentley. may be raised up in this Place, *

if it be the Will of the Lord, that
may bear a faithful Testimony to his Truth,
his living Truth. I am not without Hopes,
tho' at present not very likely, for there is
a great deal of Rubbish to be removed out
of the way. Adding, It's not high No-
tions, nor a bare Profession that will do it,
saying, its Heart Work. Being asked
to drink some Cordial, he said, It's my
Cordial, to do the will of my God; add-
ing, I did not know I should have any-
thing to say; but it is the Lord's doing.
Then said to them present, Be not
backward in going to Meeting, and say
we are hindered: No, no, that is the De-
vil's Work: But be Valiant, miss no Op-
portunity; for as you are diligent in wait-
ing upon the Lord, that may be revealed
to you at one time, that may not at another
or afterwards. Then speaking of the
Goodness of the Lord to the Humble
and how he guided those, who re-
Heart

but in much Tenderneſſe, ſaith the Lord
 whileſt he may be found, call upon him
 whileſt he is near: Let the wicked forſake
 his Ways, and the unrighteous Man his
 Thoughts, and let him return unto the
 Lord, and he will have Mercy upon him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly
 Pardon. And then pray'd tenderly and
 fervently to the Lord, for the Pro-
 ſperity of his Truth in that Place.
 And expreſſed his Satisfaction he had
 in diſcharging his Duty, in the ſight
 of the Lord, ſaying, The Quarterly-
 Meeting was pleaſed to Conſer the Care
 of the Church in this Place upon me, (i. e.
 doing) he being deſired to take Care of the
 Be ne Poor, and to have an Eye over the
 and ſa Profefſors of Truth there, that they
 the D might walk as became their Holy
 ſ no O Profefſion.) I never did any thing in a
 in wa ſwerly way: No, no; but his Humility
 revealed Tenderneſſe, I watched over them for
 another good, tho' it have been ſpurned at by ſome
 of them, but the Lord forgive them. His
 Humble was preſerved very Senſible, and he
 who ſhew'd great Patience all the time of his Ill-
 neſs,

ness, several times saying, he had no
Cler upon him, but was freely given up,
 saying, *I am ready, come my Lord when
 thou pleasest, I am ready.*—Another
 time he said, *The Lord doth not with-
 hold his living Presence from me,* so lift-
 ing up his Hands again, said, *All is
 well, all is well, I am ready.* And near
 his departure, several of his Children
 being by him, he looking upon them,
 said, *The Lord bless you all, the Lord
 bless you altogether, and preserve you in
 his blessed Truth unto your last Breath:*
 And then giving Order who should
 be invited to his Funeral, he said, his
 end in desiring many should be there, was
 for the Salvation of their Souls; and if
 but one should be reached, and come to
 the Knowledge of the Truth and be saved,
 it would be well, and that which this
 good old Man desired: Then said, *I
 am wholly given up in the will of the Lord,*
and I hope he'll make my Passage Easie;
 and indeed the Lord was pleased to
 answer his desire, for he went away
 without Sigh or Groan; in the Year
 1700. being 77 Years Old. And is en-
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ter'd into the Joy of his Lord, and by Faith, he being dead, yet speaketh. or is yet spoken of, as it's said of Righteous *Abel*. And the weighty Sayings following, being found of his own Hand-writing, some Years after his decease, by his Son *Caleb*, are here Printed, being worthy of Observation.

' Stand in Awe of the Living God,
' that created thee to glorifie his
' Name.

' Refrain from all Evil, and Love
' Righteousness.

' Do nothing that may bring Dis-
' honour to Truth, if the whole
' World might be gained thereby.

' According to the Ability, or
' Talents that the Lord doth give
' thee, inwardly or outwardly, do
' thou serve the Lord, his Truth, and
' People. Those that profess and
' possess the Truth, that love it a-
' bove all things, that can venture all
' for Truth's sake; such do thou have
' true Unity with: But not with
' Backbiters, or careless Professors of
' Truth.

' If

‘ If any Difference doth arise be-
 ‘ twixt Friends, or others, do thou
 ‘ endeavour to put an end to it, in
 ‘ the Spirit of Meekness; the rough
 ‘ Nature is *Esau*, but the meek and
 ‘ lowly is the true Seed.

‘ Do justly, love to be Merciful,
 ‘ that thou mayst walk humbly with
 ‘ thy God; that when thou hast
 ‘ ended the Days of thy Natural Life,
 ‘ thou mayst lay down thy Head in
 ‘ Peace with the Living God; which
 ‘ far exceeds all the World, or the
 ‘ World’s Enjoyments. And in so
 ‘ doing, thou wilt not only answer
 ‘ the Requirings of the Lord, but of
 ‘ thy dear and tender Father also.

William Bevan, of Swansey in the
 County of Glamorgan, Aged
 74 Years, being Sick and weak in
 Body, and judging the time of his
 Dissolution to be nigh, said unto his
 Son, *Silvanius Bevan*, his Daughter
Foster being present, *I desire that you*
may live in Love together, when I am
gone,

gone, and keep to Meetings, and let your Houses be open to those that bring Good Tidings of the Kingdom of Peace, for they are faithful Labourers; and if you have but little, God will add a Blessing. And being asked if he would take any thing to support his Spirits, he refused; and said, All is well, and that he saw no Cloud of Darkness before him, but blessed God, that he had brought him into the inner Court, and if he had Strength, he could sing for Joy; with many other comfortable Expressions. At another time, when weak in Bed, his Son Michael, James Pitton, and Kinsman William Bevan, and his Son Silvanus Bevan, being present, he said to this Effect, Grandson William, be Obedient to those thou art under, Fear God always, and run not into the Fashions of the World; but behave thy self humbly and lowly, and God will add a Blessing to thy Endeavours.— And Son Michael, thou knowest much, and God hath given thee much Understanding, thou hast a large Memory of the Holy Scriptures, mind the Gift of God's Holy Spirit; and then thou wilt be a good Man, and

and a servicable Man, and a Preacher of Righteousness in thy Life and Conversion. He also exhorted his Sons to be true to their Sister Hester, and to assist her in the Choice of a Husband, that he might be one that fears God, and lives uprightly, and on all occasions, said he, she hath been careful and tender of me since your Mother died, and a Support to my Old Age :— So live in love together, that others may behold you as a Family of Love, and then the Lord will bless you. At another time, his Son Silvanus, and many of his Grand Children being by his Bed side, he said, Fashion not your selves after this World, but transform your selves to the Image of the Dear Son of God; and be not puffed up in Pride, and Gaudy Apparel; but in the Fear of God, adorn your selves modestly, as becomes Christians to do, and keep to the small Grain of the Kingdom, and then you will grow and Flourish, in Holiness to the Praise of God, and lie down in Peace, as you see me now. And renewing his Advice, of being a Family of Love when he was gone, said,

said, Strive not who shall be greatest, but who shall be the humblest, and most serviceable amongst you; for there will be Joy and Peace in the Holy Ghost. An exalted Mind brings Pain and Trouble, you know it: But if you be Content to be a diene, to that small Grain which he hath sown in your Hearts, he will surely promise, I am sure he will fulfil his Promise, and you will lie down in Peace. I have left something to every one of you, if you do well, 'twill be a Blessing, if not, a Curse, as the Children of Israel desiring Flesh, not obeying the Lord, not content with their Condition: God gave them Flesh in his Wrath, and they died whilst it was between their Teeth. So to the Lord I leave you, desiring him to bless you, which is the best Portion I can give you. So his Children all Kissing of him, concluded at this time in much Tenderness and Tears.

Many other comfortable Expressions dropt from him, which were not taken in Writing, nor can't be justly remembred; importing tender Advice, and Exhortation to his Children,

dren, shewing forth greatly the Joys
 of a peaceable Conscience in our Lord
 Jesus Christ. At another time, tho'
 very Sick, and in much Pain, about
 midnight, such sudden was still and
 quiet, and for a little while said, *The*
Lord has removed the Pains of Death,
be still my mind in his weak Servant, Hal-
lala, Halalulaja, Praises Praises be to him
for ever, with other good Expressions,
 so continued Singing a Minute or two
 as one that the Lord had assured of his
 Salvation, and exalted above the fears
 of Death, or the Terrors of the
 World to come; being supported by
 the Spirit and Power of Religion,
 which the Agonies of Death are not
 able to shake. So having seen twen-
 ty of his Childrens Children, and
 growing weaker and weaker in Body,
 resigned up this Life in that Quietness
 and Innocency that Infants go to sleep,
 the 5th of the 12th Month, 1701, and
 was buried by his Wife, in Friends
 Burying-place in *Swansey*, and this
 good old Man, through Faith and
 Obedience in and to the Lord Jesus
 Christ,

Christ, and by a Patient continuing in well-doing to the End, hath, no doubt, the Reward of Immortality, Eternal Life, and Inherits Glory, Honour, and Peace with God in his holy Kingdom, and will do for ever and ever.

Nicholas Beard of Rottingdean in the County of *Sussex*, was in his Youth, a tender seeking Young-Man after the Knowledge of the Lord, and for near Twenty or Thirty Years, would often Ride many Miles to hear the best reputed Teachers the Times afforded.

In the Year, 1655. he was Convinced of the blessed Truth of God, by the Ministry of that Eminent Servant of Christ, *George Fox*, and received it in the Love thereof, and was faithful thereto, and it pleased the Lord to call him into the Ministry, and he laboured in the Work thereof in the County wherein he lived, and the Neighbouring Counties; he
was

was a constant attender of Quarterly, Monthly, and Weekly-Meetings, as long as Strength of Body would admit, and after that failed, that he could not go far, continued visiting the nearest Meetings, constant, sound in Doctrine, fervent in Prayer, and to his Children would often say, *That which is right do, and the Lord be with you.* And in the sense of the Lord's Goodness, would often say, *Be thou bowed before the Lord, Oh! my Soul.* And growing weak in Body, being in his Chamber, and some of his Children with him, with lifted up Hands and Eyes, said, *I must leave you to the Teachings of the Lord, and the Lord in Mercy be with you;* and being weak in his Bed, in Melody of Spirit, was heard to say, *Oh! Lord, my Soul bleisseth thee, and all that is within me magnifieth thy Holy Name;* and often desired to depart, and be with Christ in Peace, which he also signified should be his Portion in the World to come. So departed this Life in Peace with the Lord, and Unity with the Brethren,

thren, the 2d of the 5th Month, 1702. having ordained in his Will, that his Executor should entertain his Friends, the People called *Quakers*, in his House, as he in his Life time did. Aged 80 Years, a Minister about 30 Years.

And to shew he was not only called to believe, but also to suffer, I shall briefly recite some of his Sufferings.

For his Testimony against paying Tythes in this Gospel-Day, he had taken from him, by one *Robert Baker*, Priest of *Rottingdeane*, for one Years Tythes demanded, 12 *Oxen*, 6 *Cows*, 1 *Bull*, which were Sold the same day at *Lewis-Clist-Fair* for 111 *l.*—5 *s.* but worth more.

For the Worship of God, or meeting only for that end, and keeping the Testimony of a good Conscience, in obeying Christ's Command, *Swear not at all*, and abiding in his Doctrine, and for not bearing Arms, or sending out in the *Militia*, and not frequenting the Publick Worship: He was prosecuted on the Statute of 20 *l.* per Month, and under-went Imprisonment,

ment, and sustained the Loss of his Goods, and many other abuses; yet it pleased the Lord to support and bless him; so that although his Loss was more than *One Thousand Pounds*, and his Charge of Children considerable, being the Father of above 20, yet he gave them that lived good Portions being 12. also lived to see several of them well settled in the World, leaving his Youngest Son in his own Seat, in a much more plentiful Estate than his Parents left him; tho' he was a Prisoner several Years.

E *Lizabeth Hopkins, Wife of Thomas Hopkins, of Glastonbury in Somersetshire, loved Truth, and those that were Faithful to it, altho' she was but Young in it; and when taken Sick, was not discontented, but resigned unto the Will of God. And being asked, whether she was willing to die, she said, I am fitted to die, and fully satisfied, I find nothing in my way that hinders me from Peace with the Lord,*

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and lay often praising the Lord, for his great loving Kindness and Mercy to her, in bringing her to the Knowledge of the Truth: And towards her End, said, *Lord make my Passage out of this World easie*, which he was pleased to grant, and she passed away like a Lamb, or one going to sleep, she departed in true and living Faith, the 16th of the 6th Month, 1703. after several Months Weakness; and was buried in Friends Burying-Ground at *Glastenbury*.

JOH^N Beere of *Weymouth*, in the County of *Dorset*, was Born of Believing Parents, in the Year, 1699. and when he grew up, he imbraced the same Faith with them, and Professed Truth in much Plainness, and Sincerity, and was, through the Power of it, of a blameless Conversation, a good Example, and of great Service in the Church.

In the Year, 1693. being about 34 Years of Age, he received a Gift of

of the Ministry, in which he was a Faithful Labourer, tho' he did not travel far, but had good Service in his own Country, and was well beloved and esteemed of by his Friends and near Neighbours, to whom he administered much tender and wholesome Advice, and in his last Sickness two Days before he died, he sent for a Friend and Neighbour, who when he came, asked him how he did, he replied, *I have but one Pain to encounter with, that is the Pain of my Body, for my Mind is at ease,* and at another visit, of the same Friend, he repeated the same. The Day that he departed, there were several Friends and others to visit him, to whom he gave seasonable Advice, desiring them to be Faithful, saying, *Altho' you are few in Number, if you continue faithful, the Lord will encrease you, and desired them to make their Peace with the Lord in the time of their Health, for on a Death-bed they would have enough to do, to struggle with the Pain of the Body; for, he said, if he had not made his Peace with the Lord before*

fore he came on a dying Bed, he had been Miserable. Another time, his eldest Daughter asking how he did, he said, *I am waiting for my Change*, and desired his Children to be Obedient to their Mother, and keep out of all evil Company. Many were the seasonable and comfortable Expressions, which he gave forth in the time of his Weakness, that cannot be remembered. He died the 5th of the 7th Month, 1703. Aged 44 Years, a Minister 10 Years.

Sarah Scott, Daughter of Francis Scott, of Hambridge in the County of Somerset, Aged 13 Years, wanting four Days, being Educated in the way of Truth, professed by the People called *Quakers*, from the Age of three Years, by her Uncle and Aunt Whiting, who took her as their own. She was of a loving and affable Temper, and sober Behaviour; but of a weakly Constitution, not given or addicted to any bad Words or Actions; and when she came upon a Sick Bed, it

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seemed

seemed hard sometimes for her to be reconciled to her Sickness: But upon reading several Places in the New Testament, concerning Afflictions, and Chastisements; as *Heb. xii. &c.* she came to be reconciled to both, and afterward received great Satisfaction, so that her Heart was often enlarg'd in the Love of God, and her Soul did Magnifie the God of her Salvation.

Her Uncle J. W. ask'd her, if she was willing to die, she said, *If I had Assurance of the Love of God, I should.* Then he ask'd her, if she had any thing that lay upon her Mind, that troubled her, she answered, *No, nothing in particular, but that she had lived no better, or more circumspect;* but upon his mentioning to her the Mercy of God in Christ Jesus, who died for her, she said, *If it be the Will of God to take me to himself, I am content;* and she frequently pray'd in secret unto the Lord; and once being spoken to when still, she said, *Let me alone, that I may meditate on my God, and after*

said, she enjoyed the Streams of the Love of God.

God, but found (as she said) the Enemy
 so busie, that it is hard to keep my Mind
 staid on the Lord; adding, she was sorry
 for all that did live wickedly, and lamented
 what many would do, when they came upon
 a Death Bed; and desired her Aunt to
 advise one of her Acquaintance, to take
 more Care of her Words and Actions, or
 she would find it hard when she came upon
 a Death Bed. And she said, I have
 had much trouble, the Enemy having been
 busie, when I was in Meetings, so that I
 looked out sometimes, and neglected the In-
 ward Work, for which I have known Sor-
 row.—I have gone through Nights of Sor-
 row, and Prayer; but now I am made
 willing to die, saying, I shall go to a glo-
 rious Place, where there is no Temptation
 nor Sorrow, and where all Tears shall be
 wiped from the Eyes,—adding, My
 spirit is comforted in the Love of God, and
 if I had lived more in the Fear of God, I
 would have been more comforted.—The
 Lord hath been good to me,—I am willing
 to die, it seemed hard to me sometimes,
 but now it's made easie.—and said, All
 must be humbled, and brought low, one

time or other; they must bow, if they will not bow in Mercy, they must in Judgment. Adding, It's well for me, that I have been afflicted; else I might not have known the things that belong to my Peace; but now I cannot say I do not know them, for I do now see them, and rejoyce in them. Next Morning, she expressed a Concern for a near Relation, desiring that she might live in the Fear of God, saying, *The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom*: Then lamented those that live in Pride, and spend much time in adorning the Body, and walking wantonly. After, she magnified the Lord's Goodness, saying *The Lord is a Gracious God, and of great Mercy and Righteousness, and I trust in him*. And she prayed very devoutly, and implored the Lord's Mercy, and praised him for his Goodness, and gave good Advice to those present, particularly to the Party afore hinted, saying, *Be careful of thy Word and Carriage, especially in Meetings, keep in thy Mind, for God is to be worshipped in Spirit and Truth, and that God*

had given her a Measure of his Grace,
 that she should serve him whilst she was in
 Health, for when she did come to a Sick
 Bed, and be in Pain, it would be harder.
 After, she said, Remember my Love to
 all Friends that ask for me; and then
 prayed, saying, 'Oh! Lord Jesus, re-
 ceive my Soul, if it be thy Heavenly
 Will; Oh! Lord, I am truly resign'd
 to thy Will: Oh! Lord Jesus, come
 quickly, if it be thy Heavenly Will,
 Oh! Lord, and make my Passage
 easie.—O Lord! send thy Angel, to
 conduct me to thy Heavenly King-
 dom.—O Lord! thou art Beautiful.
 O Lord! hear my Prayer, and grant
 me my Request, if it be thy Heaven-
 ly Will: Give me Power over the
 Enemy; he is a cunning Enemy, a
 subtil Serpent: O Lord! keep me
 from his Temptations, who lays his
 Baits at every Corner.—Again she
 said, 'There is nothing to be com-
 pared to thy Love, all the World
 is but as a fading Flower.—O! what
 will it avail a Man, to gain the
 whole World, and lose his own Soul.

‘ O! what need have People to go
 ‘ with their Heads so high, when they
 ‘ must all be laid in the Dust. O Lord!
 ‘ thou art Sweet, thy Countenance is
 ‘ comely. O Lord! how hast thou
 ‘ refreshed me many a time, after I
 ‘ have prayed unto thee: Oh! that
 ‘ thou would’st crown me with Glory,
 and said, ‘ Oh! that we may all meet
 ‘ again in the Kingdom of Heaven.—
 After she said, ‘ O Lord Jesus! there
 ‘ is none like unto thee, (the Author,
 ‘ and Finisher of our Faith) to help,
 ‘ and none else can.

The Day before she died, she said,
 ‘ O Lord! thou art the Great Physi-
 ‘ cian of Value, the Heavenly Physi-
 ‘ cian, who canst do that which none
 ‘ else can: Thou canst raise from the
 ‘ Dead; speak the Word, and it shall
 ‘ be done: Thou art a gracious God,
 ‘ and of great Mercy, and full of
 ‘ Righteousness: Thy Mercies deserve
 ‘ to be had in Everlasting Remem-
 ‘ brance, from the beginning of the
 ‘ World, to the End thereof.—Oh
 ‘ Lord Jesus, thou hast tendered my
 ‘ Spirit

Spirit, and humbled my Soul: Thy
 Works are too wonderful to be [ful-
 ly] spoken of; with many other
 Heavenly Expressions; and in the
 Evening, her Relations thinking she
 had been departing, after some time
 she looked up, and said, *Pray for me.*
 And her Uncle *Bowles* being present,
 he found a Concern upon him to pray,
 to the Lord for her; then she said to
 her Aunt, *Don't grieve when I am gone;*
 and desir'd her the next time the Lord
 did visit her (in that manner) not to
 disturb her. And that Night took
 her leave of all that were about her,
 in a very Solemn manner, taking
 them by the Hand, and bidding them
Farewel, and after said to her Aunt,
Now I am just a going, and said, *Come*
Lord Jesus, come quickly, into thy hands
I render my Soul. Her Aunt *Bowles*
 coming in, asked her, how it was
 with her? she answered, *Very well,*
 which were her last Words, and in a
 few Minutes passed away without
 Sigh or Groan, on the 27th of the
 8th Month, 1703. Aged 13 Years.

wanting 4 Days. And was buried the 30th of the same, from *Bull and Month*-Meeting-House, at Friends Burying-Ground, near *Bunhill-Fields*, London.

William Fennell, Aged about 12 Years, Son of *William Fennell* of *Toughall* in *Ireland*, Shopkeeper, took to his Bed the 24th of the 12th Month, 1703. and the Lord having visited him about 2 Years before, and often followed him, with the Re-proofs and Convictions of his Holy Spirit, when he had sometimes been wild, and run to play among other Children. And when he was brought on his Sick Bed, not many Days after, he was under an inward Exercise of Mind, and he desired his Mother to read by him, and another time, desired to have the Ten Commandments read to him, which were, and he was ask'd how far he found he had kept them, he answered, 'He had not, as he could remember, ever taken the Lord's Name

' Name in vain, and that he loved and
 ' honoured his Father and Mother,
 ' and had been careful not to tell Lyes
 ' or false Stories on any one, nor had
 ' he Stole any thing, except taking
 ' some Plumbs without asking leave,
 ' and hoped the Lord would pass it
 ' by, with what else he had done a-
 ' miss; and remaining very weak, he
 was ask'd, if he was willing to die,
 he answered, ' If I thought I was fit.
 The 3d of the 1st Month, two *English*
 Friends being in Town, he desired
 they might have a Meeting in the
 Chamber with him, which they had,
 and he afterwards expressed his Satis-
 faction therein, and then he broke
 forth in much trembling, saying,
 ' O Lord! forgive all my Faults I
 ' have done; and have Mercy and Pity
 ' on my Poor Soul, keep out the Ene-
 ' my, that is ready to come in upon
 ' me; for none but thee, O Lord! is
 ' able to do it: With much more,
 and then called for his Sisters and Bro-
 ther, and exhorted them, ' to Love
 ' and Fear God, and pray to him, to

' fit them to die, and to love Truth;
 ' and to go to Meetings, and think
 ' upon God and good Things, and the
 ' Lord would Love them. And bid
 them, ' do what their Father and
 ' Mother bid them, and be Obedient
 ' to them, and look in their Bibles,
 ' and they would find it was God's
 ' Command to Children, to obey their
 ' Parents, for it's well pleasing unto
 ' the Lord.

And to one of his Companions, be-
 ing by, viz. *Edward Lawndry*, he said,
 ' Do'st thou think, thou art fit to die,
 ' if thou thinkest thou art not, then
 ' pray to the Lord, and desire him
 ' to make thee fit, and do not mind
 ' Play too much, saying, ' he was sorry
 ' he had so long; but he hoped the
 ' Lord would forgive him.— Lying
 still some time, being under a concern
 of Mind, was asked what his Concern
 was, and after some pause, he answer-
 ed, ' I am desiring the Lord to bring
 ' me in with the rest of his lost Sheep;
 with more to that purpose, saying,
 ' I have cried unto him many a Night,
 ' since

since I have been not well; for I
 have been a wild Boy, and lov'd play
 too well, and when you have some
 times Corrected me, I took it a lit-
 tle hard; but now I am glad you
 did, and I can't express the Love I
 now have to you, for taking that
 care of me, you did well, had you
 not done it, I might have been wil-
 der, for, said he, the Lord hath
 been following me, and striving with
 me, to bring me down these two
 Years, and let me see when I have
 been running to Play, if I continued
 running on to be wild, then Weep-
 ing, Wailing, and Lamentation
 would be my Portion; and some-
 times I have turned back, and have
 gone into the Garret and wept bit-
 terly, and have desired the Lord to
 help me: But after, when enticed
 by my Comrades to go, I was not
 able to resist the Temptations,
 which was my great Trouble, and I
 have got into a Secret Place to En-
 deavour to retire, and often have
 prayed to the Lord in the Night sea-
 son

* son on my Knees, when others have
 * been a-sleep.—And this Child cried
 out, saying, Oh! the Lord loves Soli-
 * titariness, he doth not love Laugh-
 * ing and Joaking; I never read that
 * Christ smiled, but often pray'd and
 * wept.—Then he pray'd, ' O Lord!
 * hear me, and have pity on me; for
 * thou know'st I am very sore afflicted,
 * Lord help me: Oh! it's none but
 * thou that canst do it Lord: O Lord!
 * be near me, and suffer not the Ene-
 * my to prevail over me.

* And speaking of the Lord's Prayer,
 this Child said, ' I have much lament-
 * ed how People teach their Children
 * the Lord's Prayer, without minding
 * the depth that is in it, saying, *Our*
 * *Father which art in Heaven*: But they
 * that remain in Wickedness, are not
 * his Children; so cannot rightly call
 * him *Father*. *Hallowed be thy Name*
 * but too many dishonour it by their
 * wicked Words. *Thy Kingdom come*
 * Oh! but too few let the Lord live
 * and have Dominion in them. *Thy*
 * *Will be done in Earth*, [that is, said
 * he

' he, in our Earthen Bodies] *as it is*
 ' *done in Heaven*; [and alas! we all
 ' know there's nothing but the Will
 ' of God done there] Oh! but how
 ' little of the Lord's Will is done here.
 ' *Give us this Day our daily Bread*;
 ' O Lord! said he, give me daily
 ' Bread from thee. *Forgive us our Tref-*
 ' *passes, as we forgive them that trespass*
 ' *against us*: But Oh! how unwillingly
 ' do many People forgive them that
 ' trespass against them.—How can
 ' such expect forgiveness of the Lord?
 ' *Lead us not into Temptation, but deliver*
 ' *us from Evil*; (and then he said, Oh!
 ' leave me not in Temptation, but
 ' deliver me from the Tempter, for
 ' *thine is the Kingdom, and all Power is*
 ' *with thee, and Glory for ever*. This
 ' Prayer (said he) People teach their
 ' Children by Heart, and think it is
 ' enough. I have been at Play with
 ' a Boy in the Street, and his Father
 ' hath called to him, saying, *Have*
 ' *you said your Prayers to Day*, and he
 ' hath gone in from me, and stood be-
 ' hind the Door, and hath said this
 ' Prayer,

‘ Prayer, as fast as he could, for haſt
 ‘ to go to Play again; I hearkned to
 ‘ him all the while; Such careleſs ones
 he lamented; and he gave good Ad-
 vice to many that came to him, and
 adviſed the Servant Maid againſt
 ſpeaking bad Words; and tho’ his
 Breath grew ſhort, he ſaid, *I deſire to*
praiſe the Lord always, and ſo continued
 in a Wonderful Manner, he was very
 Reſigned unto the Will of the Lord,
 and deſired his Parents to give him up
 freely, and then took his leave in
 great Tenderneſs, of his Father, Mo-
 ther, Siſters, and Brother, and Rela-
 tions; deſiring to have his Love to
 his Grandmother, and ſome other
 Relations and Friends that were not
 preſent; and pausing, he ſaid, *Oh!*
what Joy I feel: Then praiſing the
 Lord, while Strength remained, till
 near the Minute of his Departure, and
 reſigning himſelf to the Lord: His
 laſt Words heard was, *O Lord!* for
 what followed could not be under-
 ſtood, his Breath failing, and ſo
 ſweetly Departed, being the 14th of
 the

the 1st Month, 170¹. Aged 12
Years and a half and 2 Days, kept his
Bed about 18 Days.

Sarah Soundy, Wife of William
Soundy of Reading, and Daughter
of William Tovey of Henly upon Thames
in Oxfordshire, Maulster, was trained
up in the Fear of God, and when on
her Death Bed, she breathed forth in
an Extraordinary Manner Praises to
the Lord; and said, *The Lord is a
merciful God, I find him so to my Soul;
he spreadeth a Table for his Children, and
the Dainties he sets thereon, and his Chil-
dren feed thereat. He honoureth me with
his Presence, and that is Favour enough.
And as for this World, it's but a bubble, &
I would not change my Condition for any
of yours, (meaning those then by her
bed side) altho' I might have my Health:
for I can never be better satisfied to die,
than now I am; with abundance more
Heavenly Expressions, which she de-
livered*

livered one Day after another, (which were not noted) she farther said, *What have I done that the Lord should be so good to me, many have been great Sufferers; but I have done nothing: So that if I have but the least place in the Kingdom, I shall be satisfied, altho' it be but a Door-keeper.*

She died the 24th of the 12th Month, 1703. at Ridge, and was Buried in Friends Burying-Ground, in Henley upon Thames the 28th of the 12th Month, 1703.

Mary Stubs, Daughter of Thomas Stubs, belonging to Pardshaw-Meeting in Cumberland, came of Believing Parents, by whom she was Educated in the way of Truth, and reached thereby in her young Years, walking Circumspectly, as becomes the Truth, and received a Publick Testimony, seven Years before her Death, and visited Friends in Northumberland, some Part of Bishoprick, Yorkshire, and Lancashire, and Friends

Friends generally in the Nation of Ireland, and was well received. And when visited with Sickness, was well born up in her Spirit, and when her Mother seemed to be troubled and sorry to part with her, she desired her to be Content for it was her great Joy, and farther said, *I see nothing that I have to do but die*, and also said, *I am fully clear*, and so departed very-sensibly, the 11th of the 12th Month, 1704. in the 33d Year of her Age, and was buried in Friends Burying-place at *Eaglesfield*.

A *Mbrose Rigge*, late of *Rygate* in *Surry*, was born at *Banton*, in *Westmorland*, and Convinced of the Truth about the Year, 1652. And being called of God, to Preach the Gospel of Peace and Salvation, was drawn to visit *London*, and the *South* and *West* Parts of *England*, about the Year 1655. enduring great Hardships, being often Imprison'd in divers *Goals*, not for Evil-doing, but Preaching the Truth,

Truth, and for his refusing to Swear, in Obedience to Christ, who commanded, **Swear not at all**, was Præmunired, and made Prisoner at *Hartford* in *Sussex* above 10 Years at one time; he was also Whipp'd and often Evilly intreated, and Abused, which he bore with much Patience, and continued faithful unto Death. And in the time of his Sickness, wherein he died, he had great Assurance of the Mercy and Favour of God, and said, *I am going where the weary are at Rest*: And he bore his Sickness with much Patience; and a little before his Departure, he declared, saying, *If Friends keep to the Root of Life in themselves, they would be the happiest People in the World.*

He departed this Life the 30th of the 11th Month, 1704. and was Buried the 4th of the 12th Month, in Friends Burying-ground at *Ryegate* in *Surrey*.

Aged above 70.

A Minister about 49

} Years.

George

G *George Fooks*, late of *Grays-Inn-Lane*, in the Parish of *Andrews Holbourn*, in the County of *Middlesex*, Shoemaker, was Born at *Boston* in *Cambridge-shire*, in the Year 1649. and Religiously inclined from his Youth. He was Convinced of the blessed Truth as professed by the People called *Quakers* (with whom he joined in Society) about the Age of one and twenty; and by believing in Christ, the true Light, he came to receive Power to walk Inoffensively; and though he could not then Read, he afterwards Learned to Read the Holy Scriptures, and greatly delighted therein. And when he came to have a Family, was careful to have them frequently read therein; and would direct those of his Family, to that holy Spirit in themselves, which the Scripture testifies of, that thereby they might come to have an Understanding of them, and find help in themselves to withstand Evil, and to

to be preserved out of it: He cautioned them also against Evil, and exhorted them to that which was good, and well-doing.

He was a Man of a tender Heart, and meek Spirit, pitiful to the Poor, and faithful to the Lord, who was pleased to give him a Part in the Ministry of the Word of Life, about the Year 1691. and after he travelled some time in the Work thereof, and was serviceable for several Years; whilst he enjoyed his Health.

In the Year, 1704. it pleased the Lord to visit him with sore Affliction of Body; which he bore with much Patience, and in the time of his Weakness had many Visits from his Friends and Neighbours, being well beloved by them, and when some came to visit him, and said, *The Lord comfort you*, he answered, 'The Lord is with me, and is my Comfort Night and Day, and hath made my Bed easier than I could think, altho' the Lord hath been pleased to afflict my Body; yet he comforteth my Soul; as he

' he hath taken away the Strength of
' my Limbs, he hath preserved my
' Senses to praise him.

Before he died, he called his Son,
and bid him read the 5, 6, 7 Chap.
of *Matthew*, and then observ'd to him
the Blessing mentioned therein, and
said to him, ' Thou hast a Priviledge
' beyond many poor Children, I
' would not have thee slight it; but
' read them often, and desire the
' Lord to open thy Understanding in
' what thou readeſt; for it's for our
' help; and as thou doſt ſo, I do be-
' lieve the Lord will help thee, as he
' did me :—My Concern is for thy
' Soul's Good, which is of greater
' Value than thy Body. Then he ad-
ded, ' The Lord hath blessed my ho-
' nest Endeavours and Labours hi-
' therto; ſo that thou haſt been fed
' and cloathed with the reſt of my
' Children and Family, and I have
' ſomething to ſpare: but the greateſt
' Blessing, the Lord hath blessed me
' with, is, the Knowledge of his Truth,
' which thou haſt often heard me ſay,
' that

' that whatever the Lord should be
 ' pleased to bereave me of, that he
 ' would be pleased to keep me in the
 ' Sense of this Blessing; and at this
 ' time have a living Sense thereof,
 ' with earnest desires to the Lord it
 ' may be so with thee : My dear Child,
 ' I am going out of this World, and
 ' must leave thee, and thou wilt lose
 ' a tender Father; but as thou dost
 ' mind the Lord, and think upon him,
 ' he will be a Father to thee, as he
 ' was to me : And besure thou be'st
 ' kind and loving to thy Mother, and
 ' be ruled by her when I am gone, and
 ' remember what I have said unto
 ' thee, and keep the Commandments
 ' of the Lord in thy Life time, and
 ' it will be well with thee hereafter,
 ' and then thou wilt not be afraid to
 ' die :— For thy sake I could have
 ' been willing to have stay'd longer
 ' here, but it must not be, and I am
 ' willing to submit to the Will of the
 ' Lord; for it is well, it is well, or I
 ' would not have told thee so; I am
 ' not afraid to die.—Once more I bid
 ' thee

' thee remember the Father's dying
 ' Words. He said also to his Son,
 ' I never kept back the Wages of any
 ' Man, that did any thing for me, nor
 ' ever over-reached any Man in Deal-
 ' ing, nor ever wronged any Man one
 ' Penny.

Then desiring to see his Daughter,
 she came. He said unto her, ' My
 ' Child, thou wast my First born, and
 ' the Child of my Love; but thou hast
 ' grieved me to the Heart, and grie-
 ' ved the Lord, and many Friends
 ' that wished thee well. I am now go-
 ' ing out of this World, and when my
 ' Trouble endeth, thine may begin.
 —I do forgive thee, and desire the
 ' Lord to pass by and forgive thee,
 ' and I do forgive thee, and I hope
 ' and believe he will; but thou must
 ' be very diligent, in seeking and cry-
 ' ing to him: Thou art now a Mother
 ' of Children; be sure to be a good
 ' Example unto them; teach them to
 ' read the Scriptures, and do thou so
 ' too, quit thy self to thy Husband,
 ' as a Woman fearing God should:
 ' Be

' Be loving to thy Mother, and she
 ' will be loving to thee and thine I
 ' know: I have seen thy Condition,
 ' and considered it, the Lord bless
 ' thee: is my earnest desire: think up-
 ' on my dying Words, when I am
 ' gone, they may do thee good. I have
 ' been a tender Father to thee: So
 ' hereafter thou mayst say, Oh!
 ' Wife! how hath been, and is my Soul
 ' Ravished with Joy. I cannot ex-
 ' press the Joy my Soul hath been in
 ' this Night: O Wife! it's well, don't
 ' be troubled for me; for it's well, and
 ' as we keep close to the Lord, it will
 ' be well.

This is the Account which he gave
 in the time of his Sickness; tho' he
 sometimes met with Exercises, the
 Lord was with him, and stood by him,
 for he was an honest Man, and so li-
 ved and died, and no doubt is at rest
 in the Paradise of God.

He died the 27th of the 8th Month,
 1704. Aged about 55

Convinc'd about 34 } Years.

A Minister about 13 }

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And was decently and honourably Buried, being accompanied by his Relations, and many Friends, to their Burying-Place near *Burton Mills*.

A *NNE Truſs*, was born at *Kendring*, where ſhe received the Truth, and ſuffered Imprifonment for her Teſtimony to it, ſhe was well eſteemed of, being a Woman that loved Truth; and was Zealouſly given up to promote its Honour, and Encouraged Faithfulneſs among the Profeſſors of it; both by Exhortation and Example, and was often concerned in publick, to ſpeak of the Goodneſs of God, in Chriſt Jeſus, to many kind, from a Senſe and Taſt thereof, and preſſed to Diligence in the Worſhip of God, and Holineſs of Life. And Life and Power attended her Teſtimony. She often deſired her laſt Sickneſs might not be long; and it was indeed but about four Days, and in that time ſhe Counſelled her Friends, Neighbours, and Grand Children, that

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that came to see her, and were with her, to prize their Previous Time, and to keep out of every thing that would offend the Lord, and said, *My Peace is made with the Lord.* And prayed with much Sweetness, for her Grand-Children, and that the Lord would destroy all that in his People, which was contrary to himself. A few Hours before she departed, said, *now hope I shall be at rest.*

She died the 17th of the 1st Month, 1704. Aged 76 Years.

Humphrey Woolbridge, was Convinced of Truth early, and received a Publick Testimony for it, he travelled pretty much about England in the Service of Truth, and printed several Books. About the Year, 1705. being at London, was taken ill, and continued so some time at Friends Work-House near Clerkenwell being troubled with a great Swelling in his Face and Mouth, which much deprived him of his Speech; but he
writ

writ several times to Friends, that
the Lord was good to him, and de-
sired Friends to pray for him, saying,
I see a farther weight of Glory, into which
I am not entered.— Another time, My
Love in the Lord is to you, my present
thought, is, to die is my Gain, without
doubt; because of the Love and Mercy of
God, that casteth out Fear, is shed in my
Heart, to whom I bow my Knee, and
bless his holy Name, his gracious Name.

And in the 5th Month, a little be-
fore his Death, he writ to some Friends
in London, thus, The Lord is my Rock,
and my Salvation, and Tower, in the
time of my Distress and Anguish, I cried
to the Lord, when the Billows went over
my Head, and the proud Waves did up-
set my Soul; then was my Faith in God, and
underneath was the everlasting Arm, my
Salvation. So that with David I could
say, The Lord sitteth upon the Floods, he
Reigneth as King for ever and ever.

He died the 31 of the 5th Month,
1707. Aged about 74 Years.

William Harris, of Radford-seemly
in the County of Warwick, was
one that received Truth in the Love
of it, in his Youthful Days, and be-
ing Faithful, a Part of the Gospel
Ministry was given to him; in which
he laboured with Zeal and fervency
of Spirit, and was very serviceable in
Doctrine and Discipline, serving
Truth and Friends in singleness of
Heart; seeking much the Prosperity
of Truth, and the Love and Unity of
Friends in it, he was fervent and
frequent in Admonition and Exhor-
tation to all People where his Lot
was cast; always having a regard
to the Fear of the Lord unto the last,
and very honourable for his Innocent
Life, and upright Conversation,
wherein he walked as a true Pattern
of Vertue; Ruling well his own
House, and keeping his Family in
good Order, wherein he was Exem-
plary, often calling upon them to
Love and Fear the Lord, and to wait
together

together upon the Lord in his own Family. And with much Diligence, and due Order to frequent their Publick Meetings, wherein his Love and Faithfulness was manifest to the last.

He was taken Ill in a Meeting, which *Joseph Bains* had appointed in the Publick Meeting-House at *Harbury*, on the 18th of the 7th Month, 1705. but sate the Meeting, and after he was well satisfied in the Will of the Lord being done; for he was not afraid to die. And after, being something better, went home, and grew weaker: But the Lord enabled him on the 23d of the 7th Month, being *First-Day*, to go to the Meeting of Friends at *Harbury*, and publicly declared the Word of Truth, with much fervency both to Friends and others; and after Meeting hasten'd home, and grew weaker and weaker in Body. On the 3d of the 8th Month, A Friend went to visit him, to whom he said *The Night before had been very comfortable to him for the Lord gave him full Repose; so that he felt no pain.*

the Lord was so in his Love to him, that he shewed him, that the Walls of Salvation was about him, and that he would give him an Entrance into Everlasting Life.

On the 6th of the same Month, he was taken so ill, that it was thought he would have scarce lived till Morning. And when a Friend came to see him next Morning, he was a little revived, and spoke comfortably to him, and those present. And the next Day, the Friend came again to see him, and when he came into the Chamber, he put forth his Hand, and took him by the Hand, saying, *Thou art come to see me this once more, I am now a dying Man, I wait to be dissolv'd, I am weary of this frail Body; when the Lord pleaseth, I would be freed from it.* And several Friends coming to see him, he spake very sensibly to them; and when they took their leave, he exhorted them to *Fear the Lord, and be Faithful in the Truth.* A Friend that was Related to him, taking his leave of him, seemed to be troubled, he said,

said, *Make no A-do, neither be troubled;*
it is the Lord's doing. He exhorted his
 elder Servant, to *Fear the Lord,* and
 charged her to exhort her Fellow
 Servant, to *Fear him also,* saying,
Without it the Heart will not be kept clean.
 A Friend said to him, *Thou hast been a*
Comfort to many, I hope the Lord will
Remember thee in his Mercy, and be a
Comfort to thee in thine Affliction: He
 answered, *The Lord is good to my Soul,*
I can say, I have fought the good Fight of
Faith, I am now finishing my Course, the
Lord will give me a Crown of Life.—A
 little before he departed, he signified
 his great Love to all Friends in gene-
 ral, and said, *My Love is to all my*
friends, and Old Acquaintance. A
 Friend observing his Exercise, said
Thou hast hard Labour: He said, *The*
Lord will visit me in his Mercy, and give
me an easie Passage in his own time, out of
this Body. And so he had, and he en-
 ter'd into Rest, lay the Space of
 an Hour, and quietly and peaceably
 departed, as a Lamb going into his
 rest,

rest, about the 12th Hour at Night,
the 7th of the 8th Month, 1705.

Aged about 70 Years.

Robert Lacey, an Ancient Professor
of the Holy Truth, was Born in
the Parish of *Issy*, in the County of
Gloucester, in the Year, 1626. and came
to *London* in the Year, 1648. He was
of a sober Conversation, and Religi-
ously Inclined, and followed those
that were esteemed the most Religi-
ous Preachers at that time. And a-
bout the Year, 1654. was by the Spi-
rit of Christ, and the powerful Preach-
ing of that Eminent Servant of the
Lord, *Edward Burrows*, Convinced of
the blessed Truth, as it is professed by
the people called *Quakers*, at a Meet-
ing held at the House of *Sarah Mas-
ons*, in *White-cross-Street*, *London*, in
the Year, 1654. And in the Year
1656. he concerned to bear a Pub-
lic Testimony for Truth, and against
Superstition.

Superfluity : And being by Trade a Taylor, would not meddle with, nor suffer his Servants to put on, or wear Apparel, (to set it off) any Superfluities, as Lace and Ribbons.

He also was concerned to converse with other Friends, the several Preachers in his time, for Suffering Persecutions, and used to say, Friends should be true to Truth, or the Anointing in their Testimonies, and then they may expect Blessing, and be made Serviceable.

And in the Year, 1705, the 74th Year of his Age ; being weak, he said, He had done the Work of his Day faithfully, and was fare down in the Will of God, and there was no Cloud in his Way. And the Night before he departed, he gave Counsel to them that were in the Room, to Fear the Lord, and not to do Evil, for Evil ; but to do Good for Evil : For there is (said he) no overcoming of Evil, but in and by that which is Good. Exhorting much to Love and Tendernefs, saying, The Lord will bless such that were found therein. A few Hours before his Departure, he said,

said, That there was *no* *Condemnation* *in them* *that were in Christ Jesus*, for, said he, *He is the Life* *up of my Head*, *he is my Strength*, and *great Salvation*.

He departed this Life, the 15th of the 9th Month, 1705. and was buried in Friends Burying-Ground, at *Kingston upon Thames*.

William Stovey, late of *Helperston-Marsh* near *Trowbridge* in the County of *Wilts*, was born at *Aberry* in the said County. He received Truth (as it is professed by the People called *Quakers*) upon its first Publication in those Parts, and was a very Zealous Encourager of Faithfulness among Friends. He also receiv'd a Gift of the Ministry, and was often very much concerned in his Travels, that Truth's Testimony might be kept up in its several Branches, and particularly against the Antichristian Oppression of *Tithes*, &c. For bearing which Testimony, as well as keeping up of Meetings, he was a great

great Sufferer; being cast into several Prisons, and had his Cattle, and other Goods, several times taken from him, even to the Bed he lay on, and almost all that was thought worth removing. His last Sickness was not very great in Appearance, nor long, yet he signified he should never go forth of his Chamber, and said, *I can and do forgive all my Enemies.* He was very Cheerful in the time of his Illness, and more than ordinary glad of Friends Company, that came to see him, and said, he was Satisfied and willing, when the Lord pleased, to leave this World, in Expectation of a far greater Happiness in that which is to come.

So he departed this Life, the 7th of the 11th Month, 1705. and was Buried at *Cummerell*, in the said County.

Elizabeth Dickinson, Widow, was convinced in her Husbands Lifetime; tho' her Husband was concerned thereto, and she met with great Exer-

Exercise; yet was made willing to give up, to answer the Requirings of Truth, and in a little time, through the Grace of God bestowed upon her, being faithful unto the Lord, she was made a Publisher of the Everlasting Gospel of Christ Jesus, (well nigh the First) in *Abby-holme*-Meeting: And the Lord added to her Days, and the Number of the Church, that she lived not only to see many gathered to the Lord in her time; but many also raised to bear a Publick Testimony for him, (to the gladding of her Heart, in the Thirty Years she lived after she had received the Truth.) She was of a blameless Life and Conversation, living Answerable to the Doctrine of Christ: She loved the Unity of good People, and hated that which was the Cause of the Breach thereof: She was never Tedious in her Testimony; she was a Mother in *Israel*, a Terrour to Evil doers, and bore a Faithful Testimony against the Workers of Iniquity: She ruled well her own House; so that her Advice and Counsel took Place

Place with others : She was endued by the Lord, with Meekness and Wisdom, and was freely given up to serve the Truth with what she had, and the Lord blessed her. She visited Friends in *Northumberland, Bishoprick, Westmorland, Yorkshire, and Lancashire*, where she had good Service for the Lord. And in the Year, 1688. she visited Friends in *Scotland*, and had also good Service, the Lord accompanying her with his Heavenly Power and Presence.

In the time of her Sickness, tho' very sharp, the Lord preserved her in Patience, and she desired Friends, to remember her in their near Approaches to the Lord, and said, *Lord I am willing to die; thou that hast made me willing, art able to make me ready: Look down upon thy afflicted Hand-maid, and lay no more upon me, than I am able to bear.* And often desired the Lord to be near. Her last Words that can be remembred before she departed, was, *Thou Lord God of Israel, be near and fasten my Spirit; which it is not*

not doubted but he was pleased to do, and received her into Rest with the Righteous, where no Disturbance can come; but Praises Everlasting, are sung to the Lord God and the Lamb for evermore.

She departed this Life, the 8th of the 11th Month, 1705. in the 66th Year of her Age, and was buried at Friends Burying-Place at *Allonby*, upon the Sea Coast in *Cumberland*, being accompanied with many Friends and Relations.

Sarah Blackhouse of Toeland-Redman, in the County of *Lancaster*, was Convinced of the Truth, by receiving the Testimony of that Eminent Messenger, and Minister of the Gospel of Christ, *George Fox*, in the Year, 1653. being in and about the 27th Year of her Age. And within a few Years after, it pleased the Lord to concern her in a Publick Testimony, to the Refreshing and Edifying of his Churches

ches and People, in which she Faith-
 fully Laboured and Travelled, in the
 Meetings whereunto she belonged,
 and some other adjacent Meetings:
 She was Exemplary in her Life and
 Conversation, and Preached Truth
 therein, to her Neighbours, and those
 she was concerned with. And a few
 Days before she died, her Friends and
 Relations being by her Bed side, she
 said, See that in all your Meetings you
 wait upon the Lord, and be not sleepy; be
 faithful unto what he hath made known,
 and revealed unto you: For it need not be
 said unto you, Know the Lord; You
 know enough, be faithful to what the Lord
 hath revealed, for that is the Sum of all
 Religion. A little after said, I am
 weak, and in much Pain, I desire to be
 eased, when the Lord's Pleasure is,
 through Mercy he hath given me Peace
 and Rest to my Soul: And then said,
 Farewel, fare you all well in the Lord, I
 desire your Growth and Prosperity in the
 Truth, every one for your Selves. And
 so in much Peace and Quietness of
 Mind and Spirit, departed this Life,
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the 10th Day of the 5th Month, 1706.
 Being near 80 Years of Age, and a
 Testimony for Truth about 50 Years.

John Tomkins, who Collected the
 III. Volumes of *Dying Sayings*,
 (formerly Printed) Intituled *Pietas*
~~Prophetica~~, was Born about the Year,
 1663. and his Honest Parents were
 in Society with the People called
Quakers.

His Father died when he was very
 young, after which his Mother took
 Care to have him religiously Educa-
 ted, and the Lord blessed her Care,
 and was graciously pleased in his ten-
 der Years, to incline him to Love and
 Fear him: And he was an Obedient
 Son, and assisting to her in her Busi-
 ness; and as he grew in Years, con-
 tinued so.

And when his Mother Married a-
 gain, she had several more Children
 by her Second Husband. And after
 he died, and her Husband was redu-
 ced to a very low Condition, this his
 Son-

Son-in-Law was both Tender and
 Charitable, and had a great Care and
 Regard to his Children. And as his
 Love and tender Compassion began to
 be early manifested to his Relations :
 So did his Love greatly appear to
 those that Preached the Gospel of
 Christ, and to the Poor and afflicted
 in Body and Mind, whom he relie-
 ved, visited, and comforted. He
 also greatly loved and delighted in
 the Holy Scriptures, and diligently
 read and searched them. And as he
 grew in Years, he grew in Grace, and
 in the Knowledge of our Lord and
 Saviour Jesus Christ. And being
 faithful unto the Lord, he was pleas-
 ed to put him into the Ministry, and
 committed to him the Word of *Recon-
 ciliation*, and made him a skilful Mi-
 nister, for his time, in the Word of
 Life : So that he could divide it aright :
 He was filled with such a holy Zeal
 for the Name and Truth of God, as
 was accompanied with Knowledge,
 and was well acquainted with our
 Christian Discipline, and careful to
 it

it might be maintained, greatly desiring where any Professing Truth, walked not according to it, that they might be admonished and reprov'd, and that the Works, and Ways, of those that would not receive either; but continued Loose and Unfaithful, should be Testified against, that Friends might be clear, and the Church and Zion of God might shine; for he greatly delighted in her Prosperity, and travelled for her Welfare, and pray'd that the Lord would favour her Dust, and satisfy her Poor with Bread, and comfort all her Mourners.—One asking him how he did, he replied, *Very weak, but I am willing to die, and leave this troublesome World, if the Lord sees it meet to remove me at this time.* And lying on his Bed very weak, he declared to Friends, then present, very fervently for some time, concerning the Work of the Lord, and the Prosperity of his Epact in the Earth; and in particular, that the Lord would have a Glorious Church and People, when all

all the Dross and Chaff, that did yet cleave to them, should be purged out, and blown away; and that the Lord would remove that which had been the Occasion of any Dis-union among his People, and bring them more and more into Unity, and to be of one Heart and Mind, and that the Work of the Lord should go forward in the Earth, and his Truth prosper over all the Kingdoms of it, and many Nations should be gathered to it. He also said, *I believe the Lord will bless his People, and carry on the Work he hath begun in the Earth: And it is my Faith, that the time will come, that the Wicked shall be as few, as the Righteous are now: But there is much to be purged out of the Church; there is much Pride and Superfluity to be done away.* Again said, *I have seen great Things since my Sickness; Things which I think not lawful to be spoken.* Much good Counsel and Advice drop'd from him, at sundry Times, that was not taken down in Writing, which he gave at times to his Friends and Relations about him,

him, and often said to his Wife, *My dear, grieve not, thou must not grieve; I want to be where the weary are at rest, and where the Wicked cease from troubling. I want to be Dissolved, that I may be with the Lord Jesus Christ; the Lord will provide for thee and thy Children: He hath said, Let their Widows trust in me, and I will take care of their Fatherless Children.*

When he was asked, If he desired to see his Youngest Child, (he being some Miles distant) he answered, *He is Young, and hath little Knowledge of me, I commit him to the Great God, he will take care of him.* He spake this with more than ordinary Sedateness, adding, *I am not afraid of Death, I have sought the Honour of God in my day, and my Reward is with him, The Lord hath been very good to me in this Sickness, I can say with the Psalmist, He hath made my Bed in my Sickness. I have many sweet seasons from the Lord in the Night when I cannot Sleep: Oh! I enjoy sweet Peace from him. Oh! the Love of the Lord Jesus Christ is great to Mankind.*

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The Lord visited me in my tender Years, and I have feared him from my Childhood. I have delighted to wipe the Shoes of those that Preach the Gospel, when I was a Boy: And since I have been a Man, I have taken more delight in serving the Lord, his Church and People, than in getting of Worldly Riches. I love the Poor, and have loved to serve them, and to visit them in their Afflictions. Remember my Love to the Poor in the Quarter where I dwell.

I love the Ministry, I have a valuable Esteem for the Ministers, and pray God Purge and Sanctifie them, that they may go before the Flock. And I pray God bless the Young Generation of Ministers, that are coming up, and make them skilful in the Work, that they may divide the Word aright, that like the Benjaminites of Old, they may shoot an Arrow, [or sling a Stone] to an Hairs Breadth.

He died the 12th of the 7th Month, 1706. Aged about 45 Years.

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And was decently buried from the Meeting House near *Devonshire-square*, and accompanied by a great Number of Friends, to *Bunhill Burying-Ground*, and many living Testimonies were born to the Truth, in which he liv'd and dy'd.

He Collected and wrote the several Books following,

The Harmony of the Old and New Testament.

A Concordance.

A Trumpet Sounded.

The Great Duty of Prayer.

Piety Promoted, 1st 2d and 3d Part.

Which are Proofs of his Zeal for Truth, his Love to all People, and that he was well acquainted with the Holy Scriptures.

Robert Huberstie, late of *Telbudd-Compers*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was visited with the Day Spring from on High, and brought to the Knowledge of God's Eternal Truth, as professed by the People called *Quakers*,

bers, about the Year, 1633. which
 he received, loved, and obeyed,
 and was often a great Sufferer, by
 Imprisonment, (for his Faithful Te-
 stimony to the Truth) and Spoiling
 of his Goods, for peaceably meeting
 only to worship Almighty God, in
 the Spirit of his Son, and according
 as he requires, and bearing his Te-
 stimony faithfully against that Cruel
 and Antichristian Oppression of
Epithes. And after his release out
 of Prison, he travelled in the Work
 of the Ministry, the Lord having be-
 stowed a good Gift upon him, and
 committed to him the Word of *Recon-*
ciliation; he travelled in the Power
 of it, for the good of Souls, and vi-
 sited the Churches of Christ, through
 most Part of this Nation, exhorting
 and advising Friends in the Love of
 God, to feel the Life-giving Presence
 and Power of the Lord in all their
 Meetings, that therein they might
 be refreshed and strengthened to wait
 upon God, and to worship him in his
 Eternal Spirit and Truth. And be-
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ing returned, he was taken Sick, and in the time thereof, he had many comfortable Expressions, saying, *I have Peace with God, through Jesus Christ, and Content in his Heavenly Will, to live or die, having sought God's Glory, before my own Interest in this World.*— He often advised those present, to be faithful to what God had manifested to them, and to bear a faithful Testimony to the Truth. And after a sore Fit of Pain he said, *It's good to have the Lord near at such a pinching time as this, and to have nothing to do but to die.* And a few Days before he died, he called his Son, and the rest of his Family, and said, *He must take his leave of them, and desired them to live in Love and Peace one with another, and to love the Truth above all, and to bear a faithful Testimony for God and his Truth whilst on Earth, and the Lord would bless them.* And desired that his Love might be remembered unto Faithful Friends, of whom some he mentioned by Name.

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He bore his Sickness and Pain with much Patience, and utter'd many sweet Expressions, which were not taken. He was preserved sensible to the last, having been a believer in the Truth about

A Prisoner near

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Aged about

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He died the 12th, and was buried the 14th of the 8th Month, 1700

Here followeth a Testimony of an Ancient Friend and Acquaintance of R. H's.

Since I have had the Opportunity of Reading the above-written Lines, relating to my dear deceased Friend and Brother, in the nearest and dearest Relation, of *God's Blessed Truth*, who was convinced thereof in the next Year after I was, when we were both Young in Years, and remembering the Glory of that Day of Visitation of *God's Spirit*, and the comfortable Fellowship of the

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Spirit we have since enjoyed together. And also Providence for ordering, that my Lot fell to see him in his Bodily Weakness, and to be comforted; in the beholding that sweet contented Frame of Spirit he lay in; together with the effecting Words, that then dropped from him, I felt some Concern upon my Mind, to add in short, as followeth.

That he was a Man truly fearing God, faithful to the Manifestation of Truth, firm and noble in his Testimony and Sufferings: Therefore, of latter Years, an able, zealous, and laborious Minister of Christ Jesus, concerned for good Order in the Church. Serving the Lord faithfully in his Day, and died the Death of the Righteous, his latter End was like theirs, viz. Full of Joy in Righteousness, and Assurance of Eternal Life and Glory, as he intimated to me, in a Divine Sense thereof, very few Days before his Departure saying, *that he was well in Mind, freely given up to the Will of God, and*

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'possess'd perfect Peace, patiently waiting
 'for his being delivered out of that Pain
 'and Trouble of Body in God's time, de-
 'siring to be remembred to all faithful
 'Friends, and desiring me, and one o-
 'ther Friend, to be at his Burial. And
 'the Lord by Providence made way,
 'that I therein answered his desire,
 'it being the Day above said, in
 'Friends Burying Place at Telah,
 'where a great Appearance of Friends
 'were, and a great many of the
 'chief and sober Neighbours; yea se-
 'veral that were not Invited, which
 'did demonstrate the good Respect
 'he had amongst all sorts of People.
 'And the Lord was pleased upon that
 'solemn Occasion, to bless us with his
 'Glorious Presence, and to open the
 'Months of several of his Servants,
 'in a living Testimony to his Truth;
 'and also to magnifie his Holy and
 'Powerful Name, for his marvelous
 'Salvation, revealed in and through
 'the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour,
 'to whom, with the Father, belongs

' Dominion, Glory, and Eternal
' Praise, World without End, Amen.

Oldworth, the 26th of
the 1st Month, 1707.

Thomas Cam.

John Carlile, of the City of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, was Born at Blackwell, three Miles from the City of Carlisle, by Trade a Tanner, was, through the Gracious Visitation of God, Convinced of the Blessed Truth, about the Year, 1673. And by the Ministry of John Graves, much reached and confirmed, by Vertue of the Power of Truth: And he grew and increased in Faithfulness, according to his Measure; And was drawn forth sometimes in a Publick Testimony, and Preached the Gospel, not in the Eloquence of Speech, but very Powerful and Reaching, and in Simplicity, and Sincerity; altho' Illiterate as to outward Learning, yet in his Doctrine

Doctrine, and Testimony, considerably opened the Scriptures of Truth, by the Assistance of that Holy Spirit that gave them forth, to the Edification of the Hearers, and Confirmation of those Gospel Truths by him preached. He laboured in the Work of the Ministry, in divers Counties, as *Cumberland, Westmorland, Bishoppick,* and Part of *Lancashire*, as also in *Northumberland*, and in *Scotland*, and several were convinced by his Labours of Love, in the Gospel of Christ in many Places, and remain as Seals of his Ministry. He was open-hearted and zealous for the Testimony of Truth, and in much Love received the Friends of it, that travelled in the same Work, into his House. And as he delighted to draw near to the Well-spring of Life, for Divine Encouragement and Consolation; he was not unmindful often to wait upon the Lord in his Family, unto whom the Lord was pleased to reach, in order to their Conviction by his blessed Truth; and was sometimes opened

to speak a few Words unto them of Information, or Exhortation, and sometimes to supplicate the Lord; and other times in Silence, to wait upon the Lord in his Family, to feel an Increase and Growth in the Virtue of Truth among them. And many are Witnesses of the Benefit and Comfort they received in those his Family-Meetings, that have been at them: So that although at his first Convincement in the City, and when he came to bear Testimony to the Truth, he was as a speckled Bird, among the Birds of the Wood, there being none that bore the same Profession in the said City, and was warred against by the bitter Magistrates, and severe Informers, and cruel Persecutors: Yet such was the Lord's Goodness to him, that he was preserved faithful in his Testimony for the Lord, through all; tho' some of his Persecutors fell unto great Distress, and great Misery, and others of them fell unto great Poverty: So that a Prison became their Dwellings, and

and therein they died. He was
 wayready to help forward, and en-
 courage every Good Work on Time
 Account, and was much given to
 Hospitality, and open hearted to the
 Poor of any Society. He was of a
 blameless Conversation, just in his
 Dealings, and of a good Report a-
 mong all his People, and Valiant for
 Truth and its Testimony unto the
 End. And in his Sickness often ex-
 horted Friends to be Faithful to the
 Lord and his Truth, according to
 their Measure, saying *Then the Lord*
would stand by them, and bring them
through all the Exercises they might meet
with for the same, and they should have
the Reward of well done; with more
 Expressions of the like Nature.

And having some sight of the Glo-
 ry and Joys of Heaven, that those
 that are faithful and upright Heavens
 shall enjoy, and that Evidence in
 himself, of his Soul's Everlasting
 Peace, he signified his desire of a
 Change, and that his Wife and Chil-
 dren might give him freely up, say-

ing, *It would be well*, and being sensible, the time of his Departure drew near, said to his Friends and Neighbours present, that *a little time would finish and make all things Easie*. And in about half an Hour passed away, being the 25th of the 12th Month, 1706. and died in the Faith of Jesus, and in full Unity with Friends, having born an Innocent Testimony for Truth in his Generation, and left a good Savour behind him. Aged about 74 Years.

John Ellis, was one that the Lord bestowed a Gift in the Ministry upon, that laboured in the Gospel of the Grace of God for the Good of Souls, and freely preached it in the Authority of Divine Life, to the reaching God's Witness in many Hearts.

He was Zealous for God, and tender of the Good in all, but terrible against the Workers of Iniquity. Grave and Reverend in the Exercise of

of his Gift, his Testimony full of Re-
proof and Caution; life in that Meek-
ness which made the same to be Ed-
ifying. His Doctrine sound, flowing
from the living Fountain, and Divine
Spring of Life and Heavenly Willdom.

He was a Man of great Kindness,
Loving, Meek and Humble, a Visitor
of the Widows and Fatherless in their
Distress: He Sympathized with
them; he fed the Hungry, clothed
the Naked according to his Ability,
and laboured greatly in Dorsetshire,
Hampshire, Wiltshire, and Devonshire,
and other Places, often saying, *His
Fathers Business must not be neglected, or
done negligently.* And as he was tra-
velling in the Service of Truth, he
was taken Sick ten Miles from his
Habitation. He exhorted that every
one should keep close to the Truth,
that the Lord had made known to
them, and said on his Death-bed to
his Wife, *It is bid from me, speaking
of his Death, but if that is my time, I
am ready, there is nothing to be said to
my Charge, there is a Fountain of Life*

that we must all come to, what runs sweetly. His Daughter standing by, he gave her a Charge that she should not mix with any in the World, and that she should not be troubled; For, said he, *I have a sure Foundation.* And many other sweet Expressions, that could not be distinctly understood; but he concluded, saying, *I salute you all,* and departed the 31st of the 1st Month, 1707. and was decently interred in Friends Burying Ground at Pool, the 4th of the 2d Month following, and several Testimonies were then born unto the Truth on that Occasion.

Mary Stow, Relict of Henry Stow of Hartford, an honest Ancient Friend, that was early Convinced of the Blessed Truth, and retained her Love unto it, and the Friends of it unto Death. Being weak and near her End, she on her Death-

Death-Bed, the 3rd of the 2^d Month, 1707. I have nothing to do but to die, if it should be this Night before Morning.

—I have received the Earnest of that Inheritance that shall never fade away.

R. T. next Day coming to see her, ask'd how she did; she said, I am very weak, but very well satisfied to die, if my time be come; for the Lord is with me, and that is a precious Jewel, R. T. said, so it is, which the World cannot give, she said, No, nor take away. R. T. ask'd her, if she had settled her Affairs, she reply'd, She had nothing to do but to die.

The 6th of the 2^d Month, several Friends being come to visit her, she said, I take your visit very kindly, what I might tell you before I die: I never was thus weak before in my Life, yet I have nothing laid to my Charge. — The Lord hath been with me in my Exercise. Then said to G. W. And thou hast been a dear Friend to me.

And on the 7th of the 2^d Month, about the 8th Hour in the Morning, G. W. went to her, (she then appearing near Death) saying to her, The

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Lord make thy Passage easie, and give thee Rest. And near the 9th Hour the same Morning, she quietly departed without Sigh or Groan.

Aged about 80 Years; and had, for some Years, at certain times, used to speak a few weighty and seasonable Words in Friends Meetings.

Frances Rait of Hartford, an Ancient True and Serviceable Woman, unto whom the Lord had given a Publick Testimony to bear for the Truth, which she had known and professed for many Years, and lived therein, who was Exemplary in her Conversation, and a lover of her Friends and all People. When near her End, and Friends stood about her, said to them, *You must not depend upon Words, but upon the pure Spring of Life in your own Hearts, and upon the Word of the Lord, that endureth for ever.*

Thus this faithful Woman, that had preached the Word, counselled Friends to depend upon it, as that which

which is able to quicken and reconcile to God, sanctifie and save the Souls of all that are obedient thereto unto Death, as no doubt she Experienced it.

She departed this Life, the 7th of the 3d Month, 1707.

John Sager of *Marsden* in the County of *Lancaster*, was Born the 2d of the 8th Month, 1627. and Convinced of the Truth, about the beginning of the Year, 1653. at a Meeting at *Brighouse* in *Yorkshire*, by our Dear and Ancient Friend, *George Fox*, of whom he always after retained an honourable Esteem.

The said *John Sager*, was constant and zealous in bearing a faithful Testimony for Truth, and against Tithes, often exhorting Friends to Faithfulness in their Testimony against the same. And he often suffer'd the Spoiling of his Goods, even in those early Days, the first of which was in

in the Year, 1655. He also suffered five times Imprisonment, and often under a close Confinement, by reason whereof his tender Wife and Family did go through great Hardships. And when with his Family, was a constant Attender of Week-Day-Meetings, and Meetings for Discipline, and very zealously concerned for the Promotion thereof, being a Man given up to do and suffer for the Truth, of which he had received a Measure (or Talent) to improve, and was thereby enabled to bear all his great Sufferings, and other Tryals with much Patience, often saying, he was made willing by the Power of God, to give up his Life as a farther Seal to the Testimony he had born, if the Lord did require it; and often blessed the Lord, that he had accounted him worthy to suffer for his Name sake; desiring the Lord might forgive his Adversaries, what they had done against him. And in his latter Days, the nearer he drew to his Change, (which he long waited for) he was

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the more raised up in a living Testimony in Meetings, in Exhortation to Diligence and Faithfulness in the Gift received, and in praising the Lord for his Mercies bestowed upon him and his People. And in his last Sickness, under the great Weakness and Distempers, which did then attend his Aged Body, he was always cheerful and content, praising the Lord for his merciful Dealings with him. He was visited by many, both Friends and others, and was often raised beyond Expectation, to declare the Truth, Exhorting all to mind the Light of Christ Jesus, wherewith they were enlightened, often saying, all was well with him, he had nothing to do but to die.

The Night before his Departure, several Friends coming to visit him, he said, *I believe the time of my departure is at hand, and I enjoy great Peace and Comfort, and desire the Lord may preserve you, when you come to lie in the Condition I do, and that you may enjoy the same Comfort I do now enjoy.*—continuing fervent in Prayer. And next Morning

Morning, being very sensible unto the Last, departed in great Peace and Quietness, being the 24th of the 5th Month, 1707. Aged 85 Years and 9 Months, a Minister of Christ

In the Year, 1660. He was Imprison'd for not Swearing, and remained a Prisoner in *Lancaster*, Six Weeks.

In the Year 1668. he was Imprisoned again for not Swearing, and was a Prisoner at *Preston* 7 Weeks.

In the Year 1669. Imprisoned for Non-payment of Tythes at *Lancaster*, 4 Years, 6 Weeks.

In the Year 1687. Prisoner on the same Account at *Lancaster*, 1 Year.

In the Year, 1691. Prisoner again about Tythes, at *Lancaster*, 4 Years, 2 Months.

So that in all he was Prisoner near 10 Years.

Samuel

S Amue! Hunt of Nottingham, a Minister of Christ, and a faithful Servant in his Church, that laboured and travelled for the Good of Souls; at London was taken ill about the 8th Month, 1707. at the House of Thomas Hutton in George-Yard in Lombard Street, and being apprehensive of his Death, said, *I have laboured faithfully in the Service of the Lord: I am not afraid to die, for all will be well with me.* And soon after he took his Bed, he said, *Dear Lord, thou knowest I love thee and thy Truth, and have never thought much to spend, and be spent for thee, and if my time be come to leave this troublesome World, I am willing.*

And he said unto Thomas Hutton and his Wife, *Our First acquaintance together was in the Love of God, and in that let us live and abide, and in that shall we part one from another.*

About 12 Hours before his departure, several Friends were visiting him, and although he was very weak
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in Body, and his Distemper very sharp and Strong upon him; yet he was raised in Spirit, and filled with the Love of Christ, insomuch that he uttered many Sweet Expressions, and precious Sayings, and such a Stream of Comfort and Life attended him, that the Hearts of all Friends there present were melted. He was heard to say something of the *Man-made Ministers*, but spoke so low it could not be farther understood, until he was somewhat more strengthened, and his Voice raised, then he spoke audably, and said, *Away with this Clabby Nature, it is fit for nothing, but to be driven before the Wind, the sound of the Instrument is but Empty, except the Matter proceed from the pure Spring of Immortal Life.*— and then being Silent, and retired in Mind for some time, he broke forth, saying, *O Sweet Composure of Mind! Who is here? Who is here? The beloved of my Soul, the chiefest of ten Thousand! Dear Lord I will not let thee go! O thy Love is sweet and precious! O that we may live in thee, and dwell in thee, thou pure*

pure Ocean and divine Fountain of Eternal Sweetness : who can with-hold praising thee, thou living God ! Oh ! we will bless thy Name, Praises, Honour, and Glory, be given to thee, through Jesus Christ, for ever and for evermore.

And when Friends were taking leave of him, he said, *Dear Friends, farewell, all is well, all is well, and if we love one another, and love the Lord, and love his Truth, all will be well.* And when he had taken leave of his Wife, and several in the Family, and *M. H.* coming in, and his Wife acquainting him thereof, he said, being sensible to the last, *Farewel dear Mary, farewell in Christ, we have lived in Love, and in Love we part ; these were his last Words : He departed not long after, being the 3d of the 9th Month, 1707.*

But before his Departure, he dictated the following Letter to his Son.

Son

Son Samuel,

First, Learn to live in the Love
and Fear of God, and if thou
meets with any Disappointment,
thou may'st apply thy self to him,
the more freely for Assistance, it be-
ing thy Father's daily Practice, in
what Exercises he hath met with in
this World, and be truly honest,
both towards God and Man; al-
ways labouring in thy own Mind to
contradict any thing that may be
otherwise. I recommend this Pra-
ctice, Privately to go into thy
Chamber twice a Day, to wait up-
on the Lord for Counsel and In-
struction in all things.

And it is thy Father's Desire,
that thou may'st be Loving and
Dutiful unto thy Mother, and Lo-
ving and Kind to thy Wife.

Aged 41 Years.

Nicholas

Nicholas Gates, late of Alton in Hampshire, Clothier, Son of William Gates of the same Place, was from the time he understood there was a God that made the World, and all things therein, desirous to have the true Knowledge of him; and in his Childhood took great delight in reading the holy Scriptures, and in hearing the best reformed Ministers, and gave himself often to private praying to the Lord unknown, uttering Words before him, until on a time in his Chamber kneeling down by his Bed-side, in order to utter Words, he was Stop'd, and it was said to him in his Heart, as he declared and believed by the Lord, **Thou need'st not utter Words, for I know thy Heart and Souls Desire.** So remaining kneeling a while, he arose but utter'd no Words.

About the Age of 21 Years, he came to Join with those People in Scorn called *Quakers*, and was re-
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jected by his Father, and became an
 Alien to his Father's House, and ma-
 ny times threatened to be cast off, yet
 he loved his Father dearly; and the
 Lord was more to him than his Fa-
 ther, and fitted him for his Ser-
 vice, and gave him a Gift of the Mi-
 nistry, and called and sent him forth
 freely to Preach the Gospel of the
 Grace of God, and made him an Ex-
 perimental Witness of the Sufficiency
 thereof, and therein he laboured ear-
 nestly in divers Parts of England, to
 Invite all to receive and come under
 its Teachings. And by the Power
 and Grace of God, was supported un-
 der, and carried through all the
 Trials, and Exercises, Stonings,
 Stockings, Reproachings, Imprison-
 ments, and spoiling of Goods he met
 with for the Truth's sake, and his
 Testimony thereof. He was Religi-
 ously Exemplary in his Family, and
 among all where he travelled, Preach-
 ed sound Doctrine, lived a holy Life,
 was just in his Dealing, diligent in
 his Calling, a tender Husband, a lo-
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ving Father, a kind Friend, a good
 Neighbour, a follower of Peace, de-
 lighted in Hospitality, sought Unity,
 and Laboured to preserve it in the
 Bond of Peace. And was diligent in
 attending Meetings, both on Week-days,
 and other Days, and in the exercise
 of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings,
 and in taking Care of the Poor, and
 was greatly blessed of God. This
 Servant of Christ, being taken ill the
 10th of the 10th Month, 1707, the
 first thing (being violently Seiz'd) he
 expressed his Care was for the Church,
 and to have Friends preserved in
 Unity, saying, he was well satisfied
 with the Lord's dealing with him;
*He hath been a good God unto me all or-
 long, and hath let me live to a good old
 Age, and been my Support from time to
 time, and is so in this Present Exercise.*
 Another time said, *My Days are pass-
 ing away; but I have lived to see the
 Goodness of the Lord in the Bond of the
 living.* And then expressed his Love to
 his Wife in a very tender affectionate
 manner, and prayed to the Lord that
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he would bless and preserve her and his
 Children to the End, desiring they
 might live together in Love, and watch
 over one another therein; and he said,
 He did not know, that if he had his time
 to live again, that he would die bet-
 ter, *seeing* the Evidence in himself of
 Hell Done: yet he said, If the Lord
 did see fit to restore him, and he could be
 an Instrument to gain more Souls to God,
 he could be glad; for that was his
 great Joy, when he considered how
 he had spent his time in the Lord's
 Service. And this honest zealous
 Old Man, gave good Advice to many
 that came to see him, and for their
 Children, laying a Charge upon such
 Friends that had them, to keep their
 Children to the Plain Language, and to
 bring them up in the Fear and Admonition
 of the Lord; and admonishing his own
 Children to do so by their Children,
 and to ask them Questions for opening
 their Understanding, that they might
 know what God is, and where He is to be
 found, and do this while they are Young
 and Tender; and said, Oh that Men,
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especially Young Men, did know the Comfort of living a sober Life. A Neighbour coming to visit him, asked him how he did, he replied, *Weak, and am going a-pace out of this troublesome World, to a place where there is neither Sorrow nor Trouble*; after that he said, Friends were formerly known by their fewness of Words, and keeping to their Words in their Dealings; so he very often desired Friends to keep to Plainness, both in Habit and Speech, warning his Daughter Deborah present, and his Wife, to watch over her Children, to keep them out of Pride, saying, *There is scarce a worse Weed than Pride*: And a while before he died, said, *The Door of Entrance is open into the Kingdom, into which it's not doubted but he is enter'd*. He departed the 21st of the 10th Month 1707.

Aged about 74

Convinc'd about 52

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And was Honourably Buried, on the 24th, in Friends Burying-Ground at Alton, after a very Solemn Meeting

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ing of many Friends and others, and left his Wife 21 Children and Grand-Children.

Mrs. Moore, late Wife of John Moore of Elsworth in the County of York, Daughter of Thomas Camm, was seiz'd with Sickness, which continued upon her about three Months, which she bore with much Patience, often saying, *She was well content with the Will of God.* And her dear Father being then from Home, in the Service of Truth, her Husband divers times asked her, *If he might not write to her Father, to acquaint him with her Weakness, and to desire his return Home;* she answered, *She should be glad to see him, but she would not have his Service hindred upon her Account, hoping when that was over, he might return in due time to see her.* And accordingly upon the 30th of the 6th Month, 1707. he got to Elsworth, and found his Daughter very weak; but the surprize of Joy to see him, had

had like to overwhelm'd her Spirits,
 that for a time she could not speak
 to him; but in a little time got over
 it, and expressed her great Joy and
 Satisfaction to see him, saying, *Now
 the Lord hath answer'd my Prayers, and
 now I leave all to his wise Disposition, whe-
 ther Life or Death.* So she continued
 pretty easie, still, and resigned; and
 about a Week after she grew worse;
 but said to her Father, *I am resigned
 to the Will of God, and gathered up of
 Care, touching visible things; only some
 Fear is upon my Mind touching my eldest
 Son, That it would prove to his harm, to
 be Schooled where he then was; there-
 fore desired he might be removed to some
 good Place, and School; which was
 promised her should be done,
 speedily as well could be; at which
 she seemed content and easie. And
 often signified her Resignedness to the
 Will of God, praying to be endued
 with Patience to the end of her Race.
 And the Lord was pleased to Hear
 and Answer. And she bore all her
 long Exercise, with great Patience.*

And on the 12th of the 7th Month,
tho' much weakned, she was opened
and strengthened to speak very strong-
ly, which was writ down; viz.

“ Oh! what a Blessing have I en-
joyed in this my Quarter of a Year's
Weakness, it has been the Best, and
most Sweet, Pleasant, and Profitable
time of all my Life: I have seen the
End of all Worldly Enjoyments:
And although I have a kind Father,
a Loving Husband, and Dear
Babes; yet I can freely; yea,
heartily, with all my Heart, leave
all to be with Christ my Redeemer,
my Saviour, and the beloved of my
Soul: Oh! he hath been near me;
yea, with me Day and Night; he
has so drawn me, and won upon me,
with the Cords of his Love, taking
me by the Hand, and opening his
Arms to receive me into his Bosom,
that I am overcome with his Love,
and very gently has his Hand been
upon me; and he hath blessed me
with great Content and Patience;
I am freely resigned up unto the
Will

' Will of my God : And as for my
 ' Poor Babes, I commit them to the
 ' Lord that gave me them ; they
 ' have also two good Fathers, that
 ' will take Care for them, where I
 ' can leave them freely ; only I desire
 ' thee, Father, to take Care of John's
 ' Schooling, and Education, and get
 ' him to *Apprentice* to some good
 ' Friend at *Bristol*, or elsewhere, as
 ' thou see'st fit. All my Care I have
 ' cast upon God, and upon thee, my
 ' Father, and my Husband ; so that
 ' I am easie, blessed be the Lord for
 ' this good and precious Time, where-
 ' in I am freely devoted to his Will,
 ' and right glad to leave this trouble-
 ' som World, having the Earnest of
 ' that Eternal Glorious Redemption,
 ' through my blessed Lord and Savi-
 ' our Jesus Christ.

Then calling her Children One by
 One, charged them, saying, *Fear God,*
 dwell in Love one with another, and be-
 sure obey your Father ; then Blessing
 them, particularly in the Name of
 the Lord, and committing them all

told him; when she parted with her
 Youngest Babe, she kissed her, and
 said, *They tell me, That thou poor Lamb,*
wilt have the greatest Loss of me; yet as
I have cast all my Care for you upon the
Lord, I am easie, and leave you to his
Protection, and Divine Providence, who
gave you all to me, who never fails those
that trust in him, being a tender Father,
both to the Fatherless and Motherless
Children.

And to her eldest Son John, she
 farther added, *I have been a tender*
Mother to you, and now must leave
you; and therefore dear Child, ob-
serve the Counsel and Advice of thy
dying Mother, write them down,
and Imprint them in thy Mind;
First, I Charge thee to Fear and
Remember God thy Creator, in the
Days of thy Youth; Refrain all E-
vil Company; be sober and attentive
to all Good Counsel; let not thy
Mind go roving after Foolish Toys,
and do nothing but what is Good
and Commendable; and then thou
wilt not need to make any Excuse,
 or

or Eye; for a lying Tongue is
 Abomination to the Lord: Remember what Wise Solomon
 saith will be the Portion of such
 as despise, or neglect the good Coun-
 sel of Father, or Mother, and there-
 by do Evil in breaking God's Com-
 mand, to ~~When father and mo-~~
~~ther~~ :: Oh! dear Child, consider of
 these Things, and be Wise: God
 Almighty bless thee, and you all,
 and preserve you out of all Evil;
 this is the one great Thing that I
 desire for you; not to be great in
 the World, which hurts many;
 but to be great in Vertue, and God-
 liness, which has the Promise, both
 of this World, and that which is to
 come.

Then she lay still some little time,
 desiring all might leave the Room,
 except *Anna*, (her Husband's eldest
 Daughter) betwixt whom there had
 been a great Endearment, and strong
 Bond of Love; after some time her
 Father *Thomas Samm* coming into the
 Room again, and hearing her, and

her Daughter Anna in Discourse, fate
 down out of her sight, and heard her
 say to Anna, That she left her as a Mo-
 ther to her Motherless Children; bid-
 ding her call to Mind how she, and her
 two Younger Sisters, by Providence fell
 under her Care, when very Young, and
 how she had Faithfully discharged her
 Trust, in tender Care over them, and
 she desired no better for hers, than she
 had done for them, when they could not
 do for themselves: Anna then tenderly
 telling her Mother, She hoped that they
 (viz. her Children) should want nothing
 that was in her Power to do for them, she
 being sensible of the strong Obligation of
 Duty she was under, and so they left
 things.—After some time, she said,
 What a Comfort and Joy it is, to be so
 near the End of this troublesome World.

She was always very Glad of
 Friends Company in Visits, and little
 meetings, which at several times
 were kept in her Chamber, which, she
 said, were to her great Refreshment;
 the last of which was the Evening be-
 fore she died; after which, she said,

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This is like to be the last. And next Morning said, *This Night, and a little Part of next Day will finish here.* And that Night had very sharp Pangs, hard for her dear Father and others to hear, so that he left the Room once or twice, but could not stay easily in or out; and an Exercise (or Concern) came upon his Spirit, to Pray to the Lord for her; and the Lord was pleased to hear the Supplication that was put up; so that she had no more such sharp Pangs; and finished her Course here, on the 15th of the 7th Month, 1707. And it's not doubted, but she is at rest with the Lord.

She was decently Interr'd in her Husband's Burying-Place at *Eldworth*, on the 17th of the same Month, being her Birth-Day, and also her Marriage-Day, which, had she lived to that Day, her Age would have been 38 Years.

The Loss of her was greatly lamented; not only by her Relations, and nearest Friends, but Neighbours, both Poor and Rich, her loving, Innocent,

modest and wise Conduct and Dependence, having gained her great Respect amongst Persons of all Sorts that knew her. Oh! that many in observing and following her Pious Example, may be stirred up more and more to seek after Vertue and Godliness, and thereby purchase to themselves a Good Name, as she has done, through Love and Obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, is the chief Design in Publishing these Lines.

T *Thomas Camm*, late of *Camskill*, in the County of *Westmorland*, was Born in the Year, 1641. of honest, religious, and godly Parents, and well Educated, and from his Childhood, was inclined to be Religious, and sought after the best Things, delighted in the Company of the best, or most Religious Sort of People; and in his tender Years, the Lord was pleased to visit him with the Light of the Day springing from on high, and thereby Convinced him

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of his blessed and unchangeable Truth; even in the Morning of the Day, to these latter Ages of the World; and after some time called him forth into the Work of the Ministry, for which the Lord fitted him. And being thus visited and called of God, he counted nothing too near or dear to part with for Truth's sake; but left all to follow the Lord, and with his whole Strength and Substance was given up to serve him, and faithfully to do the Work he was called to. And the Lord who had called him to such a great and glorious Work, as to *Preach the Everlasting Gospel*, did fitly Qualifie him for the same, pouring forth upon him of his Holy Spirit, and endued him with Divine Wisdom, whereby he was made an able Preacher of the Word of Life to many, and could divide it afloat, according to the States of the People.

And as he was thus called and qualified, so he was Diligent and Laborious in the Work of the Lord, in many

many Parts of this Nation, and was made Instrumental to Convince and Establish many in the Way of Truth; his Doctrine was sound, and his Delivery powerful; and tho' his Testimony was not with the Enticing Words of Mens Wisdom; yet it was in the Demonstration of that Divine Power, which reached the Witness of God in the Hearts of the Hearers.

Great and many were the Sufferings he met with, and very Patiently bore, and went through, of many Sorts and Kinds, as Imprisonments, spoiling of Goods, Mockings and Scoffings, from those without, and Suffering among false Brethren. In all which he stood firm, and Faithful in his Testimony for Truth, approving himself a true Follower of Jesus Christ, suffering Joyfully for his Name sake, who had counted him worthy, not only to Believe, but to Suffer for him. And as he was a Man wonderfully Endued with Heavenly and Divine Wisdom; so he was a Man of great Humility, very much Labour-

Labouring for Love and Unity amongst Brethren, and where any thing appeared, tending to a Breach of it, he always used his utmost Endeavours to put a stop thereto, approving himself to be a Man of Peace, and always Laboured for it, both in the Church, and also amongst all Sorts of People. He was a Man beloved of God, and by all Good Men who knew him. He was a *Nursing-Father* to many, encouraging every thing that was Good in the least Child; but very Zealous against every Appearance of Evil; especially against that which in any wise tended to the laying waste of that Testimony, which the Lord required his People to bear, being zealously Concerned to keep his Testimony clear in every Branch of it: And as he was a Man well Qualified for Discipline, so he laboured very much to promote it, for the Encouragement of them that were weak, and to bring to Judgment those that were loose, and would let their Testimony fall, he was very zealous against that Antichristian Yoke of

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Trifles, and though he suffer'd very much on that Account; yet he stood Faithful to the last, and enjoyced in his Sufferings upon that, and all other Accounts for Truths sake.

And even in the latter Part of his Time, he was attended with much Bodily Weakness, which through the many hard Labours, Travels, and Sufferings was come upon him; yet such was his Zeal for Truth, and Love for the Friends of it, that he was willing to spend his Time and Strength for and in the Service of Truth, which he faithfully performed, to the Comfort and Edification of the Churches of Christ.

On the 17th of the 11th Month, 1702. having been in the Love of God to visit several Meetings in the upper End of Lancashire, Westmorland, and the West of Yorkshire, he return'd to his Son John Moor's at Eldoneth, and that very Day it pleased the Lord, by a gentle Hand (as he phras'd it) to bring his Old Distemper of Stone and Gravel upon him; but af-

ter some few Days grew more violent and hard upon him, he bore it with much Patience, and continued in a weakly distressed State of Body for five or six Weeks, eating but very little Natural Food, nor getting much Sleep or Rest a Nights; yet could walk up and down his Chamber, and was always pretty Cheerful, and freely resigned unto the Will of God, often saying, *I neither desire to live, nor to die; but am well content, however it shall please the Lord to order it*; further saying, *If the Lord see meet, or have yet any farther Service for me to do, it's easie with him to raise me up again; but his Will be done, I am very well content, I bless the Lord.*

Near the Conclusion of his Days, he said, *I have great Peace and Satisfaction, in that I have done the Will of God, I do not know I have much more to do, the time of my Departure seems to draw nigh; but I am well satisfied, I bless the Lord, I can say with the Apostle, I have fought a good Fight, I have finished my Course, I have kept the*
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Trifles, and though he suffer'd very much on that Account; yet he stood Faithful to the last, and enjoy'd in his Sufferings what was his due, and all other Accounts for his sake.

And thus in the latter Part of his Time, he was attended with much Bodily Weakness, which through the many hard Labours, Travels, and Sufferings was come upon him; yet such was his Zeal for Truth, and Love for the Friends of it, that he was willing to spend his Time and Strength for and in the Service of Truth, which he faithfully performed, to the Comfort and Edification of the Churches of Christ.

On the 17th of the 11th Month, 1703. having been in the Love of God to visit several Meetings in the open End of *Launcestershire*, *Westmorland*, and the *West of Yorkshires*, he return'd to his Son *John Moor's* at *Eldon*, and that very Day it pleased the Lord, by a gentle Hand (as he phras'd it) to bring his Old Distemper of Stone and Gravel upon him; but af-

ter some few Days grew more violent and hard upon him, he bore it with much Patience, and continued in a weakly distressed state of Body for five or six Weeks, eating but very little Natural Food, nor getting much Sleep or Rest at Nights, yet could walk up and down his Chamber, and was always pretty Cheerful, and freely resigned unto the Will of God, often saying, *I neither desire to live, nor to die; but am well content, however it shall please the Lord to order it*, further saying, *If the Lord see meet, or have yet any farther Service for me to do, it's easie with him to raise me up again; but his Will be done, I am very well content, I bless the Lord.*

Near the Conclusion of his Days, he said, *I have great Peace and Satisfaction, in that I have done the Will of God, I do not know I have much more to do, the time of my Departure seems to draw nigh; but I am well satisfied, I bless the Lord, I can say with the Apostle, I have fought a good Fight, I have finished my Course, I have kept the*

the Faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a Crown of Righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge shall give me at that Day, and not to me alone, but to them also that love his appearing.

One Day, he being sitting alone in his Chamber, his Son *John Moore* came and sat down by him, and ask'd him how he did, he answered, *I am but weakly of Body, but strong in the Inner Man, blessed be the Lord, who hath been my Support and Strength hitherto.* And he then farther said, *I have been pondering in my Mind, and meditating of the wonderful and unspeakable Mercies and loving Kindnesses of God, to me extended all my Life long, even to this very Day; that I, such a poor weak feeble Creature, should be enabled to hold out, and go through those many Trials, Travels, Sufferings, and Exercises both Inward and Outward, of various Kinds, that hath fallen to my Lot, it has indeed been the Lord's Doings, Who is and has been all along, my Buckler and my Shield, he shall have the Praise and the Glory of all,*

all, for he alone is worthy of it, for ever
and for evermore.

His Distemper continuing, and his
Bodily Strength growing weaker;
so that there was little likelihood of
his Recovery. He gave very plain
and distinct Directions concerning his
Burial, as one not much concerned
at his approaching Departure.

And being grown so weak he could
not well go alone, without some lit-
tle Support, one Evening as he was
walking over his Chamber Floor,
leaning upon his Son J. Moore's Arm,
his Legs trembled under him, which
he observing, said, Dear John, when
the Pillars of the House begin to Tremble,
there's feeble Work; but then blessed are
they, who when this Earthly Tabernacle
is ready to be Dissolved, do assuredly
know that they have a Habitation Eternal
in the Heavens, whose Builder and Ma-
ker the Lord is, of which, for my Part,
I bless the Lord I am well satisfied.

About a Week before he died,
several of John Moore's Children being
in the Room with him, he said to
them,

them; Now I think I must leave you, if the Lord had seen meet to have spared me a little longer. I might have been of Service to you in Counsel and Advice; but he that is the great and wise Counselor, has put your Eye unto him above all things, will not be wanting to you in Counsel; I love you Intirely, and the Blessing of the Almighty rest upon you, if it be his Will.

He several times spoke concerning Esau, one time he said, Esau's Adournment is Part consumed, and consuming; yet there were Branches still remained; and said, The Lord lay it wast more and more.——

Another time he said, Faith and Patience, Hope and Charity, are Excelling Vertues, the Lord if it be his Will, will use his Children and People more and more therewith.

When he was grown so very weak, that the getting his Cloaths on and off was somewhat difficult, and troublesome, he one time said to them about him, Dear Children, you have a great

great deal of Trouble and Exercise about me, the Lord be your Reward; but you shall see a little time will put an End to all these Troubles, and a Happy End it will be for me, I doubt not at all.

Another time, being some Days before he died, J. M.'s eldest Daughter standing by him, he took her by the Hand, and said, Dear Anna, the Lord will reward thee for thy Care and Pains about me, and seeing her affected with Sorrow, (as well he might for the approaching Loss of so near and dear a Friend) he farther added, Death will not be said nay; but it will be well with me, the Enemy cannot touch me, the Lord that hath been with me, and hath born up my Spirit through; and over all the various Exercises and Trials of my time, he will be with me to the End; there is no doubt of it.

One time being lying upon his back in a sweet and heavenly Frame of Mind and Spirit, he said, I have served the Lord in Sincerity, with all my Heart and with all my Soul, and with all my

my.

my Strength, Hallalujah, Hallalujah, Hallalujah.

And so went on, Praising and Magnifying the Lord, to the melting and tendering of the Hearts of all present. After which he said to *John Moore*, and some others being with him, *Bear me Record, I die in Perfect Unity with the Brethren; my Love is as firm and true as ever, in Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Author of our Salvation.*

When grown very weak, being asked how he did, he would say, *Weak of Body, but strong in the Lord;* saying also, *In Abraham's Bosom there's sweet Repose.*—He divers times spoke of the Efficacy and Vertue of the Wine of the Kingdom, and about two Days before he died, he seemed to be Faint, and *J. Moore* gave him a little Wine to sup on, thinking it might refresh him, but his Stomach would not bear it; then looking prettily cheerfully at *J. Moore*, said, *Dear John, thou see'st these things will not do, but one Cup of New Wine in the Heavenly Kingdom, with my dear and blessed Lord*
and

and Saviour Jesus Christ will make up all.

Now his Strength decaying very fast, he for the most part was very still and quiet; as one waiting for his Dissolution, not saying much, unless when spoken to, and then would answer very Sensibly to what he was ask'd.

And on that Day he died, he was desirous to be helped up out of his Bed, but seeing how very weak he was, he was put off for some time; but he still urged it; J. Moore told him, he doubted he was so weak he could scarce bear it without fainting; but those with him told him they were willing to help him the best they could, to which he reply'd very cheerfully, *That's enough, I hope the Lord that has been my help in many Straits and Difficulties, will also now help me:* his Cloaths were got ready, and by degrees got most of them on; but before they had quite done, he was likely to faint; so they set him down on the Bed-side, and supported him a little,

little, and after a while he somewhat revived, and looking about him, he saw F. M.'s Youngest Child, being between two and three Years Old, standing some little way off, and he beckoned with his Hand, that she might come to him, and with a little help he set her upon his Knees, and affectionately kissing and embracing her, he said, *God Almighty bless thee, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob bless thee, and make thee Happy, if it be his Will.*— Then after a little time they got his Cloaths something better on, and set him in his Chair, where he sat a pretty while; then growing weary, he desired to lie down upon his Bed, which he did, and after a little time, he was perceived to weaken very fast; so he lay still and quiet, not saying any thing that could be heard or perceived; but drawing his Breath sometimes quicker, and sometimes slower, (yet without the least Disturbance, or stoppage of Phlegm) he continued so for the space of about

Six Hours, then stretching himself forth upon his Bed, he departed this Life without Sigh or Groan, as one falling into a deep Sleep, on the 13th Day of the 1st Month 1704. betwixt the Hours of Eleven and Twelve in the Night, being Aged 66 Years 9 Months and 10 Days.

Thus he having fought the good Fight, and finished his Course well, he laid down his Head in Peace with the Lord, and is freed from all his Sufferings, Sorrows and Afflictions here, and Enter'd no Doubt into the Kingdom of Eternal Glory, for ever to live and magnifie and praise the Great God World without End. And on the 15th of the same Month, his Body was removed from *Edwards* in *Yorkshire* where he died, to his own late Dwelling - House at *Camskill* in *Westmorland*, and on the 16th of the same Month, was carried in a Solemn Manner to Friends Burying-Place at *Parkend* in *Preston-Patrick*, (being about half a Mile from *Camskill*) and it was accompanied thither by several Hundred

Hundred of People, (both of the Neighbourhood, and also many Friends out of divers of the Adjacent Parishes, and was there Interred in a decent Christian Manner, thus being a general Appearance of Sorrow in the Presence, for the Loss of so good and serviceable a Man. The Corps being interred, all or most that were there, drew in to the Meeting House, and had a precious Edifying Season together; the Powerful Living Presence of the Lord, in an Eminent Manner, overshadowing the Assembly, to the tending and affecting many Hearts. And divers Living Testimonies were then born, to the Sufficiency of that Universal Principle of Divine Light and Grace, which is given to be a Teacher and a Leader unto all Mankind, and is become the Teacher and Leader of all those that are willing to be taught and led by it: But it is, and will be the Condemnation of all those that are Disobedient to, and Rebels against it, whilst they continue

tinue in that State. Also divers Te-
 stimonies were born, concerning this
 our Dear Friend deceased, as to his
 Faithfulness, Care, and Labour of
 Love in serving of God's Heritage;
 as also with respect to the many
 Trials, Travels, and deep Exercises,
 that he had faithfully gone through
 in his Day and Time upon Truth's
 Account, all which he was enabled
 to perform and go through, by the
 Power and Assistance of that Divine
 Grace, and holy Spirit of God,
 (which he still accounted his Buckler
 and his Shield, his Bow and his
 Battle Axe) and by and through
 which, he was what he was, and to
 which alone, and not to him (as
 Man) the Praise and Glory of all was
 attributed; so Friends having clear-
 ed themselves of what was upon
 their Minds, the Meeting broke up,
 and Friends Parted with Hearts deep-
 ly affected, and filled with the Love
 and Goodness of God, which had
 been plentifully shed abroad amongst
 them that Day, Praises, Honour, and
 H Glory

Glory over all, be given unto God,
and to the Lamb, who sits with him
upon the Throne, who is Worthy
for Ever, and for Evermore, Amen.

R Ichard Davis of Gladdiecochion in
Montgomeryshire, by Trade a
Felt-maker, was Convinced of the
blessed Truth, about the Year, 1657.
and became Faithful unto the Lord,
through the Power of it, and there-
by was made a Minister of the Word
of Life, and was concerned freely to
Preach the Gospel of Salvation, and
was endued with Spiritual Gifts, and
serviceable in the Exercise thereof in
the Churches of Christ, both with
respect to his Sound Doctrine, and
Exemplary Conversation, and dili-
gence to serve the Widow and Fa-
therless, and was fervent in Prayer:
His last Sickness was but short, for
he was taken Ill on the sixth Day,
of the Week, and died on the first day
of the next following, and some
Friends of Dolobran-Meeting came to
him,

him, and they had a Meeting with him in his Bed Chamber, and he desired them to pray to the Lord, that he might have an easie Passage, saying, *The fervent Prayer of the Righteous the Lord would have a Regard unto.* But his Pain continuing upon him, the next Day, being the 22d of the 1st Month, 1708. about the 9th Hour in the Morning, he departed this Life, and had an easie Passage, as it were in a Sleep, having often said, *he must sleep his long Sleep.* And his Body, on the 25th of the same Month, was accompanied with a considerable Number of Friends, and other People, to the Burying-Place near his own House at *Cloddiecockion*, and there Decently Interr'd, and no doubt but his Soul is at rest with the Lord.

Aged 73

A Minister about 45

} Years

See the Account of his Convincement, &c.

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Sarah Godfry, Wife of Benjamin Godfry, of Chipin near Buntingford in the County of Hartford, Daughter of George and Sarah Robins of Sandon in the said County, was one that loved Truth in her Young Years, and with a tender Heart did seek the Lord often, both in and out of Meetings, and was very watchful over her Words, lest she should offend the Lord, or give an Evil Example to others: She was obedient to her Parents, and tender to her Brethren and Sisters, and would give them good Advice. And after she was Married, and had Children, she was concerned for them, and desired a Meeting at her House, for the good of her Neighbours, which was had, and at the Conclusion of which, she spake with a loud Voice, and said, *Ever blessed and praised be the Name of the Lord, for this blessed Opportunity;* which much affected the People, knowing her great Weakness, she al-

so

so expressed her Willingness to die;
 and leave Husband and Children, to
 go to the Lord; and then she said,
 Blessed, praised, honoured, renowned,
 magnified, and glorified be thy Name, for
 thou art worthy of all Blessing, Praise,
 Glory, and Honour, for thou art a merci-
 ful God; and after this manner she
 lay praising the Lord, for some time;
 A Neighbour coming in, that was
 not called a Quaker, seeing her in
 such a Heavenly Frame, spoke with
 Tears, *She will not leave her fellow be-*
hind her, she will reap the Fruit of her
Doings, Joy unspeakable, and full of
Glory; what a Mercy, adds the Neigh-
bour, it is, the Lord lays no more upon
her, than he gives her Patience to bear:
 She answered, *The Lord is very good*
to me, what a great Mercy it is, that I
am so willing to die, what a Comfort it
is, over it would be, if I was in great
Distress.— I feel no Condemnation.—
 She desired her Mother, to hold her
 Hands as she sat in her Chair, For,
 said she, *I think I am going, and that I*
feel great Peace; and her Mother, see-

ing her in such a still comfortable Condition, sate a while very still; and after she said, *Lord, Lord, receive my Soul*, and so departed like a Lamb, in about a Quarter of an Hour.

John Peters, of the Parish of *Minver* in the County of *Cornwall*, about the 26th Year of his Age, received the Knowledge of the blessed Truth, and joined in Profession with the People called *Quakers*, and being Zealous and Faithful unto the Lord, he bestowed upon him a Gift, and called him into the Ministry of the Word of Life, in which he diligently was Exercised for many Years, and laboured in the Work of the Gospel of Christ, freely and faithfully to the End of his Days, and was a good Example in his Life and Conversation, and careful so to walk, that the Ministry might not be blamed in any thing by him, being endued with the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, and travelled much, not only in the County

County where he lived, but frequently in the *South and Western Counties of England*, and some Parts of *Wales*, and as he was well known, he was well-received by the

* See a brief Narrative of his Life and Sufferings, Printed by J. Sowle, London, 1709.

Faithful, * when he was not known.

When he (thought) he was near expiring, he got himself rais'd in his Bed, and said,

It's the Lord's great Mercy, who in the midst of the Pains and Anguish that attend our Bodies, gives us Resignation of Mind to his divine Will. This (said he) may be soon spoken of; but it is sweet to come to the living Experience of it, and God hath Mercifully given me this Resignation, and Quietness of Mind, in which I have Peace, notwithstanding the Weakness and Pains I lie under.

Then observing some Young People about his Bed, he counselled them to keep low in the Fear of the Lord, not to seek to themselves great Things, nor to post after the Riches of this World; tho' a moderate Care, within the Bounds of

Truth, was allowable; but he spoke against the extending our Desires that way, to the forgetting the Work of Religion; and the Preparation for our latter End; for, said he, a little with God's Blessing will suffice. And sweetly enlarged on the Benefit of his Blessing, and the difference between those, and them Cursed, adding, In my Young Years, I had a belief raised in me, that if I lived in the Fear of God, I, nor mine should never want: And it hath been all along confirmed to me. And said farther, My Heart is full of the Love of God, and the Sting of Death is taken away; adding, It would indeed be sad, at such a season of a languishing Body, to have a Load of Sin on the Soul.

Many other seasonable Counsels he then gave, that are not noted. Another Day, he said to Friends Present, We have cause to be thankful unto God, for making known to us his Truth. saying, I am evidently satisfied, that the Way the Lord hath brought us into, is the Way of Truth. And spoke of the Necessity of Living in Obedience

to it, that it might be a Cross to our Wills, and Bridle to our Tongues, and a Stay to our Minds. He also said, Wait for Wisdom and Direction from the Lord, to enable to such Services [he requires,] saying, that the Strength of Man's Parts was not sufficient to do the Lord's Work; and counselled, that Love might be the principal Motive in all Publick Concerns, and therein to Rebuke, to Exhort, and to Counsel; and if in those Labours, we meet with cross and peevish Spirited People, that Care might be not to suffer the same Spirit to sway us; but to overcome the Evil with good, saying, I have nothing in Appearance but Death before me; but am well satisfied however the Lord Deals with me; For, said he, I am sound in Mind, through the Lord's Mercy, and have abundance of Ease,— I am not afraid to die, the sting of Death is taken away; for which he praised the Lord, and some of his Relations being desirous he should try another Doctor, he said, Be quiet, be still, if the Lord see meet to lengthen my Days, he can soon heal my Malady;

Malady; if otherwise, I am content; for, adds he, it's no small Comfort to me, that I did not hearken to the Persuasions of some that would have me go from one Doctor to another, my Confidence is in him, who is the alone Physician of Value.—If the Lord hath any further Work or Service for me to do, he can heal me; if not, I have done with this World.

And when near his End, he said to his Wife, (as he had often) Adourn not for me when I am gone, I am waiting for my Change, desiring to be dissolved, Death is not fearful, the Sting is taken away. He often cried to the Lord, for a Blessing on his Son, whom God had left him of ten Children, and said, I desired before ever God gave me a Child, they might rather be taken off in the Innocency of their Days, than live to dishonour him. So in the Fear and Favour of God, he departed this Life, the 11th of the 7th Month, 1708.

Aged about 63

Convinced about 37

A Minister about 25

} Years.

He

He was also Prisoner several Years, for his Testimony against Tythes, and for refusing to Swear, in Obedience to Christ's Command.

His Body was Interred, the 13th Day of the said 7th Month, in Friends Burying-Ground at *Minver*, being attended thither by a numerous Company of Friends, Relations, and Neighbours, and sundry Testimonies were born after, to the Light, Life, and Verue, wherewith God had beautified our Friend, while he abode amongst us; as also to the Necessity of Holiness and Obedience, that those that succeed him, might come to die the Death of the Righteous, and that their latter End might be like unto his.

George Newland, Son of George and Susannah Newland of the City of *Dublin*, Cloathier, was an orderly and dutiful Child, and sought the Lord in his young and tender Years; and when he was drawn, or perswaded

perswaded by his School-Fellows to Play, or be Wild, he afterwards would be under such Trouble in himself, that he would Weep and Mourn in the Night Season. And when about 10 Years of Age, desired he might be sent into the Country, and retire from his Companions in the City. So in a while his Parents sent him into *England*, and Boarded him at *Elenor Haydocks*, Widow, near *Sanky*, and he went to School unto *Gilbert Thompson* at *Sanky* in *Lancashire*.

About the Age of 11 or 12 Years, the Lord concerned him to give Testimony unto the Truth, calling him into the Ministry, in which he was Faithful, and travelled in the Work thereof, and in the Exercise of that Gift the Lord had bestow'd upon him, in the Provinces of *Limster*, *Ullster*, and *Munster*, in *Ireland*; and being endued with a good Understanding, was not rash to utter Words, without the Help or Motion of God's Spirit; so that his Testimony and Ministry

stry was not only Instructing but Edifying; and being an Innocent Youth, was beloved of faithful Friends, because thereof; and his Exemplary Conversation, which was according to the Holy Doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Between the Age of 18 and 19 Years, he was visited with lingering Sickness, and his Mother asked him after some time, whether he thought he should Recover; to which he then answered, *He did not know, but if it was the Lord's Will he had rather die than live; but said he durst not desire it; —adding, altho' his time had been short in the World, he had gone through a great deal of Exercise and Travels, that none knew but the Lord alone. Another time he said to his Mother, I have felt more of the Lord's Love to me since I was Sick, in a wonderful manner, than even before; I again said, I strove to serve the Lord in my Idolatry, and now I reap the benefit of it, I look forward, and that is a Mercy: And being frequently comforted in Spirit,* and

and filled with the Love of God, he would say, *Oh! if the Earnest be so precious, what will the fullness be?* And when weak in Body, he was strengthened in Spirit, and enlarged to praise and magnifie the Lord; and he was opened to give good Counsol and Advice to his Brother *Isaac*, taking him by the Hand, Kissing him, saying, *I love thee dearly; before thou Fear and serve the Lord, and be Obedient to thy Parents; for tho' thou be Young and Strong now; yet thou knows not how few thy days may be: I speak to thee in Love, Remember my dying Words, when I am gone; and that it will be enough in a dying Condition, to bear the Pain and Aggitation of Body, without having a troubled Conscience; and therefore Encouraged him to well-doing: And much more was spoken by him, to his Sister *Elizabeth*, whom he called also, and kissed her, and tenderly desired her to Love and Fear the Lord, and be Obedient to her Parents; and in like manner to his Sister *Lydia*, saying, *He hoped she would be an honest Woman, and said, in my Health**

when

when I went to Bed, I did meditate and
 think upon the Lord, and now in my Sick-
 ness I find the benefit thereof: Then ten-
 derly acknowledging the Love and
 Care of his Parents towards him, said,
 If I live, I can never make you amends,
 for your Trouble and Care over me.
 And a few Days before his Death,
 said unto his Mother, I love thee dear-
 ly; and saluting her, saying, I hope
 the Lord will reward thee for all thy Trou-
 ble and Care over me, and I hope we shall
 meet shortly, where we shall never part
 again. And some Hours before his
 Departure, being overcome with the
 Goodness of God, he was enabled to
 Praise and Celebrate his Name, say-
 ing with Admiration, How good, Lord,
 art thou to me! And I am not worthy of
 the least of thy Mercies and Favours;—
 and continued to Praise the Lord in
 such manner, that all that were in
 the Room were reached, and affected,
 and broken by the Power of God that
 attended him, during that Season,
 and his Uncle John coming to take
 leave of him, seeing him in this Con-
 dition,

dition ; yet near dying ; said, *He would not leave him, till he saw him in his Grave* ; altho' he had intended before to go home to his Dwelling, that was in the Country ; for he was tender'd to see him in such a Frame of Mind ; tho' not a frequenter of the Meetings of those called *Quakers*, but said, *He was satisfied (this Youth) was going to his Heavenly Rest*. That Night he was earnest with his Mother, to lie down and get some Rest ; but after a little while called for her again, and said, *My dear Mother, take it patiently, for thou may'st rejoyce that I am going*, and he desired all to be quiet and still ; and he sent several times, to see what Hour it was by the Clock ; and being sensible of his Change was near, settled his Head to the Pillow, and quietly departed this Life, like an Innocent Lamb, on the 24th of the 8th Month, 1708. about the 2d Hour in the Morning, and was buried the 26th of the same Month, in Friends Burying-Place near Dolphin's

Barn, being accompanied to the Grave by many Friends and Neighbours.

Aged near 19

A Minister about 6

} Years.

And this Testimony was given by his Friends in *Dublin*, concerning him, which I thought meet here to Insert.

‘ **I**T pleased the Lord to favour this
 ‘ Youth with a gracious Visitation,
 ‘ tion, even in his Childhood, and
 ‘ so to prepare him for his Service,
 ‘ whereunto he appointed him, that
 ‘ there appeared deep Impression of
 ‘ a concerned Mind, for the Good
 ‘ and Eternal Well-being of his Soul;
 ‘ and as he grew in Years, he apparently
 ‘ grew in Grace, and in the
 ‘ Knowledge of God, and his Son
 ‘ the Lord Jesus Christ; so that the
 ‘ Lord was pleased to put him into
 ‘ the Ministry, which, altho’ Young,
 ‘ he being sensible of the Appearance
 ‘ of the Son of God in his Heart, did
 ‘ deliver

deliver his Testimony with a good
 Understanding, not being forward
 or rash to utter Words; but waited
 for that, which is the Fountain of
 all true Ministry; viz. The help of
 the Spirit of God, that enables God's
 Ministers to speak to the Edifying,
 and Instructing, and Building up of
 one another in the Love of God;
 and this being the Concern of this
 Innocent Youth, made him to be be-
 loved of Faithful Friends that knew
 him; and the more, because his
Conversation agreed with his *Doctrine*.
 He went abroad sometimes, to visit
 Friends in this Province of *Limster*,
 and was also in *Ulster* and *Munster*
 Provinces, and Friends had gene-
 rally a Love and Respect for him,
 and there would commonly be great
 Meetings where he was, both
 Friends and others admiring the
 Lord's Dealings with him, in his
 tender Years, being but about 12
 Years Old, when his Mouth was
 first opened in Meetings, in a Te-
 stimony for God. We have a great
 Loss

' Loss of him, he being such a good
 ' Example to our Youth, both in that,
 ' and also in his Conversation, too
 ' few being willing to follow him in
 ' that true Nearness of walking with
 ' God, as he did; but love Liberty
 ' to the Flesh and Will, that works
 ' not the Righteousness of God; but
 ' brings Trouble and Grief on those
 ' that are concerned for the well-be-
 ' ing of their Immortal Souls, which
 ' this Youth was careful to avoid;
 ' whose behaviour was more like a
 ' Man of Gray Hairs, (than one not
 ' attained to 19 Years) being not de-
 ' sirous of long Life in this World, as
 ' he used to express sometimes; but
 ' rather that he might do his Days
 ' Work, being ready and prepared,
 ' when the Lord was pleased to call
 ' him hence, to have a Portion and
 ' Lot in God's Kingdom, of that Life
 ' and Peace that is everlasting. And
 ' when he was visited with the Sick-
 ' ness, of which he died, which con-
 ' tinued on him about a Quarter of a
 ' Year, he bore it with much Pa-
 ' tience,

' tience and Resignation to the Will
 ' of God, and very Cheerfully ; which
 ' was comfortable, both to his Pa-
 ' rents and Friends that visited him,
 ' in the time of his Illness of Body, to
 ' behold.

' Before his Departure, he was
 ' concerned to Advise and Counsel
 ' his Brother and Sister to *Fear and*
 ' *Love God, and be Dutiful to their Pa-*
 ' *rents, &c.* And tho' it's our Loss,
 ' [to have such an one taken from us]
 ' we believe it's his Gain, to be re-
 ' moved from where Trouble and
 ' Temptations attend, to where the
 ' wicked cease from Troubling, and
 ' the weary are at Rest.

From Our Meeting in Dublin, the
19th of the 2d Month, 1709.

Sign'd in behalf of the said Meet-
ing, by

Amos Strattell.
 Richard Sealey.
 George Rook.

Samuel

Samuel Watson, of Nightham, in Yorkshire, was early Convinc'd of the Blessed Truth, as professed by the People called *Quakers*, and being Faithful unto the Lord, was, by his Divine Power and Spirit, fitted for the Ministry of the Word of Life, and called by the Grace of God, to Preach the Gospel of Peace, and to Labour in the Service of God, for the Good of Souls, for many Years, and the Lord was with him, and he was kept in a sweet sense and feeling of the Life and Power of Truth to the End; tho' in his latter time, he had a long Season of Bodily Weakness; yet would very often express, not only the Goodness of God to him since the time of his first Convincement; but also was frequent in giving Religious Advice to those that visited him, saying, *Keep in the pure Fear of God, it is as a Fountain of Life, and that from thence all our Comforts come, and it is that which makes*
People

People Honourable, both in their Youth and Old Age.

He died at *Chester*, and was Buried there, the 24th of the 9th Month 1708. Aged about 88 Years.

John Boulton, late of *Gaunts-Ircot*, in the Parish of *Almundsbury* in the County of *Gloucester*, was a Faithful Labourer, and true Minister of the Gospel, who travelled freely to preach the same, and had Eminent Service therein, as many can witness, for a Divine Power attended his Ministry, and many Hearts were tender'd, and brought into true Contrition, and to sit under his Doctrine with Delight, and were greatly Comforted, Refreshed, and Edified. And he was very Serviceable in Monthly and Quarterly-Meetings, and Zealous against the Antichristian Yoke of *Cuthbert*, and esteemed it an Honourable Testimony, and his Faith was, That none would ever Prosper in the Truth, that were Unfaithful therein.

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He was of an Innocent Life, and Exemplary Conversation, of a Peaceable Spirit, and made it his Concern to keep Love, Unity, and Concord, and frequently exhorted thereunto; and was an Elder that deserved double Honour, and as a Nursing Father in the Church of Christ, and his Memory is sweet and blessed.

In his last Illness, he often advised Friends to be Faithful to what the Lord had made known unto them, while they had their Health; and said, The Lord is good to me, it is well with me:—
The Lord is wonderful good to me:—
Again, If the Lord's Will is to take me out of this troublesome World, I am very well content: I am in Love and Peace with all Men, all is well; I shall go but a little before you: I have made my Peace with the Lord, his Will be done by me, I am contented, it's well with me.

These Words he spoke a little before his Death, and growing weak, he desired the Lord to make his Passage out of this Life easie. A Friend then taking leave of him, that was going

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going to the Quarterly-Meeting, he said, *The Salutation of my dear Love, in the Lord Jesus Christ, is to all Friends;* and about an Hour after, he said, *The Lord hath been wonderfully kind to me, in making my Passage easie;* and so in a little time after departed in much Quietness, the 29th of the 9th Month 1709. and was honourably Buried at *Hoffell*, being accompanied with many Friends and Neighbours.

Aged 61 Years.

M *Argaret Diamon*, Wife of *Richard Diamon* of London, Merchant, was Daughter of Capt. *John Groves*, late of the Parish of *Burmondsey* in *Surry*, Marriner, deceased, and Religiously Educated by her Parents, in the Christian Religion among the People called *Quakers*, in which she continued to her End. And in the latter Part of her time, was visited with much Sickness, and great Pain; yet retained her Love to the Lord, his Truth and faithful People,

People, and her Faith and Hope in God, as appeared by what she declared, when she said unto her Husband one Morning; *viz. Oh my dear! I have had a very wearisom Night, and no Rest; I have been in a bewildred State; but the Lord I believe will satisfie my poor Soul, it's that I now wait for.* And after this she desired her Husband to call all their Children, which was done; unto whom, when come, she said, *Be careful to keep near the Lord, and in Plainness; that it may not be said to you, If your Mother was alive, she would not suffer you to take this Liberty.* And when she had given them this Charge, and tender Advice, on her dying Bed, worthy to be remembred, and duly observed; she desired her Husband, to send to her Relations, which he did; and when they came, she in much Love spake to them; which, although the Words were not noted down, it's hoped will be remembred by them, and her dying Counsel taken; which when she had given, she, in much Sweetness, took

her leave of them. And after, said unto her Husband, *The Lord hath been very good to us, I desire we may walk worthy; for a little time will finish here, and I am contented in the Lord's Will, and hope we shall meet together in Heaven, my dear and tender Husband.* Another time, she said, *The Lord hath often comforted me, and made my Bed, a Bed of Ease unto me; and then added, I have been wrapped up too much in outward Enjoyments, now I am out of them, I have desired the Lord to search me thoroughly, that nothing may remain in me, that is displeasing to him; my great Care and Desire unto the Lord hath been, that I may hold out unto the End; her Husband answered, The Lord hears thy unfeigned Prayers; she reply'd, If Daniel and Moses stood by me, and said it would be well with me, it would avail nothing, unless I have the Witness in my self; adding, he that hath been my Support to this Day, I do hope and believe will be with me unto the End; and then lay still: But after she said, Lord I beseech thee, shorten this great Work,*
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for thy Mercies sake, for thy dear Son my Mediator's sake, if it be thy blessed Will, and support me through the Valey of the Shadow of Death, that my Faith fail not; but that an Eye of Faith may be kept open to look to thee; Lord, thou that commandest the Winds and the raging Waves of the Sea to be still, and they obey thee, art able to make this Sick Bed, a Bed of Ease, Lord be with me, I beseech thee; and then no matter what becomes of this Body, nor what I go through, for there will be an End to that; but Lord be with me this Night, I beseech thee, for I am a poor weak Creature; therefore, O Lord I beseech thee, support me, receive me into thy Merciful Arms, and lead me into the Bride Chamber, where I may for ever rest with thee.

Then she took her Husband by the Hand, and earnestly entreated his Heart might be to the Lord, and said, Leave off the Cares of this Life, and seek the Lord above all: So desiring all might be still, she lay down in a sweet State, desiring to be kept Humble at Christ's Feet.

The Day before she was taken Speechless, she told her Husband her Speech would be taken away, saying, For it is the Twelveth Hour, and the Midnight Cry, that the Bride-groom was come; and said, I am satisfied, my Lamp is ready Trimmed; and after, farther said, Oh! Jacob's God, and Israel's King, thou art able to do all things, nothing is too hard for thee; Lord grant that my Passage may be quick and short, and rather that my Tongue may cleave to the Roof of my Mouth, than I should speak one Word to dishonour thee Lord: Lord thou knowest what a Night of Sorrow and Exercise this hath been to me; but thou art able to do all things, for if thou speaks the Word it is done. Then she said to her Husband, Oh! have thy Heart to the Lord for me, and speak to them thou knowest to be honest good Friends, to have their Hearts to the Lord for me. And then spake her last Words, viz. Lord, Lord, Lord, thou art Jacob's God, and Israel's King, thou art a shadow of a Mighty Rock, in a weary Land; adding, Oh! Sion, Sion, the City

City of Saints Solemnity, Beauty, the Beauty of Holiness. Then spoke no more, and died some time after, in Peace with God it's not doubted, and is in his Paradise, for she was a Virtuous Woman, a good Wife, and tender Mother, and Charitable.

She was born the 16th of the 12th Month, 1658. and died the 1st of the 10th Month, 1708. Aged about 50 Years. And was decently Buried from the Meeting-House at *Horslydown*, and her Corps accompanied to the Burying-Ground, belonging to the same, by her Relations and Friends, that loved her, and lamented the Loss of her.

John Taylor, was born at *Sillath* in *Abby-holme*, in the County of *Cumberland*, in the Year, 1654. of honest Parents, who Educated him with the foremost in that Part where he lived.

In the Year, 1674. the 20th of his Age, he was convinced of the Blessed Truth, (by the Testimony of *John Graves*) and gladly received the same in the Love of it, and so continued with the People of God, waiting upon the Lord in Silence, the space of three Years, and then it pleased the Lord to open his Mouth, to bear a Testimony to the blessed Truth, in which he was very Serviceable, both among Friends, and others at home, and abroad in *Scotland* also, where he travelled three or four Times; and had good Service in many Parts of this Nation: He bore a faithful Testimony for the Lord; he was Sound in Doctrine, and of a good Understanding in Discipline, whereby he became very Serviceable in Monthly and Quarterly-Meetings; he was a Sincere hearted Man, and his Deportment and Behaviour such, that he had an Influence upon all Sorts of People, for his good Deportment, and meek and quiet Spirit. He met with many Tryals of divers Sorts; and yet was preserved

preserved in a meek and even Temper, and he suffered much upon the Account of Tythes, which he bore with great Patience, and was never known to Murrmur.

In the Year, 1708. in the 4th Month, he was visited with Sickness, and then he gave good Advice to many that came to see him, both Friends and others; and being restored to a measure of Health, he visited Friends in *Yorkshire*, where he had good Service for the Lord, and returned in great Peace, and about a Month after he was taken Sick again, of which he died, and in the time of his Sickness, he was preserved in a sweet Frame of Spirit, and had the Evidence, that he should have a Mansion in the Lord's House, saying, *I feel the Spirit of the Lord coming down upon me, to change me from Mortality to Immortality; and desired the Lord would make his Passage easie*, and he had his desire.

Aged about 54

Convinced 34

A Minister about 31

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He died the 8th of the 1st Month, 170 $\frac{3}{4}$. and was Buried at *Abby-holme*, his Corps being accompanied by many Friends, and others.

William Ellis, of *Airton* in *Yorkshire*, was born the 5th of the 8th Month, 1658. and Convinced of the living and powerful Truth, the 3d Month, 1676. and being Called and Qualified by the Lord, to be a Minister of the Gospel of Peace and Salvation; he was faithful to his Call, and Laboured and Travelled in the Work of the Ministry in this Nation, and *Ireland*, also in *Maryland*, *Virginia*, *Carolina*, *Pensilvania*, *New England*, and other Parts in *America*.

* See a brief Account of him,
Printed by J.
Sowle, London.
1710.

* A few Days before his Departure, he said, speaking of his Convincement, it was a Glorious Day to him.—

And he had large Tokens, that the Day of his Death would be so likewise. And many

many Sweet and Edifying Expressions drop'd from him, in Cheerfulness of Mind, which shewed how ready he was to Imbrace Death.

He died on the 4th of the 4th Month, 1709. Aged near 31 Years. Convinced of Truth about 33. Years.

And was buried at Friends Burying-Ground at *Airton*, and a Large Meeting there was, which was Eminently attended with the Presence of the Lord, and several Living Testimonies were there born, to the Comfort and Satisfaction of many.

William Barcraft, late of *Bally Britton*, in *King's County*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, Aged 28 Years 5 Days, before his Departure, was in a violent Fit taken Speechless, but his Speech returning again, he expressed himself to his dear Wife and Mother-in-Law, and Friends Present, (being in a heavenly Frame of Mind, and his Pain seeming to them to be

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taken away) thus, ' I am exceeding
 ' glad to see you ; [for] the Lord's
 ' Love and Mercy is exceeding great,
 ' and this is beyond my Expectation,
 ' that I have Mercy of the Lord to
 ' speak to you ;—the Presence of the
 ' Lord at such a time as this, makes
 ' Afflictions easie to his People,—and
 ' it's an Advantage Friends have in
 ' feeling and enjoying the Presence of
 ' the Lord ; and said, ' I am easie to
 ' leave this World, in hopes of a glo-
 ' rious time to come, in the Kingdom
 ' of Eternal Peace ; and then desired
 his Mother-in-Law, ' to Remember
 ' his dear Love to his Father, Bro-
 ' thers, Sisters, Relations and Friends,
 ' and that [as] they had bestowed
 ' their Daughter on him, now he
 ' would bestow [or commend] her,
 ' and his Children to the Lord, and
 ' her tender Parents ; and to my Un-
 ' cle, (said he) who I am sure hath been
 ' tender of me ; Then desiring his
 Wife several Times, to give him up
 freely to the Lord, that he might be
 easie ; and said, ' Who knoweth but
 ' there

'there may be a service in my going
 'now. I desire thee, (*i. e.* his Wife)
 'bring up my Children in the Fear of
 'the Lord, and in Plainness of Habit
 'and Speech, and in Lowliness, and
 'whether they have little or much, it
 'will be well enough; and farther
 said to her, 'Trust thou in the Lord,
 'and keep near to Friends, and it
 'will be well with thee.

His Wife being in a tender, or
 melted frame of Heart, said, *I do trust*
in the Lord, and give thee up to him;
 which seemed to give him much Sa-
 tisfaction: And he called his Brother
 in-Law *James* to him, and warned
 him, 'to be of a savory Life, and to
 'love the Fear of the Lord, and to be
 'careful to keep out of Pride and
 'Hight, and out of Bad Company;
 and added, 'Besure walk low and
 'humble, and be Obedient to thy
 'Parents; for I never knew any Dis-
 'obedient to their Parents, do well;
 'and besure to tell thy Brother *Jo-*
seph, to walk low and Humble; and
 'if ever he expects Joy and Comfort,
 'to

' to be Obedient to his Mother ; for
 ' when I at any time did grieve my
 ' Mother, I was troubled and sorry
 ' for it, and tell or advise thy Sister
 ' *Martha* to have a Care of that high
 ' City, (*i. e. Dublin*) and besure to
 ' keep low and humble; saying, there
 ' was great Danger in that City, for
 ' Youth to be led away from the
 ' Lord; but if they did serve the
 ' Lord Carefully, it would be well
 ' with them; and desired a Friend
 ' that was present, to tell his Brother
 ' *Thomas*, ' to be of a sober Life and
 ' Conversation amongst People, and
 ' to be a good Example in the Place
 ' where he lived, and whatever he
 ' did, he should have an Eye to the
 ' Lord, and not to be high-minded;
 ' but low and humble; and said,
 ' From a Child, I always loved the
 ' pany of Good Honest Friends,
 ' for which I was always the better;
 ' tho' I have had weary Nights and
 ' Days; yet through all I had an Eye
 ' to the Lord; adding, ' It's a brave
 ' thing, to have nothing to do but to
 ' die.

' die. And to his Wife, he said,
 ' My Dear, comfort thy self, in that
 ' it will be well with me. And he
 farther said to his Friends that stood
 by, ' How many precious heavenly
 ' Meetings have we had ; but (said
 ' he) it hath been a great Trouble to
 ' me, to see how dull and sleepy some
 ' have been, and others unconcerned,
 ' both Old and Young, in such a glo-
 ' rious Day as this is, where the Lord
 ' hath appeared so eminently amongst
 ' us ; and many times of late, I
 ' thought I saw a more glorious Day
 ' approaching than ever ; then say-
 ing, ' Oh ! is not this (speaking of
 the Opportunity he had with his
 Friends) a precious comfortable thing
 ' to have this sweet Opportunity, this
 ' is what my Heart desired ; I care not
 ' how many Young People were here,
 ' I should be glad if all the Meeting,
 ' and several others were here ; ad-
 ding, ' I wish all the High and Lofty
 ' Ones, would look back and see what
 ' they were. All which being spo-
 ken in a good Sense of the Lord's hea-
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venly Presence, did mightily tender Friends Hearts that stood by, and ended in Prayer and Thanksgiving, to him that lives for ever and ever, *Amen*. And gave ground of hope, that the Lord shewed him Mercy, and called him to Glory and Peace for ever. And when he took his leave of Friends, he said, *I am very easie*; and departed the 5th of the 6th Month, 1709.

T *Thomas Barcraft*, Brother to the aforesaid, *William Barcraft*, was taken Ill of the same Distemper, upon the 15th of the 11th Month following, his Uncle and Aunt *Barcraft* were sitting by him, and perceiving him to be under Exercise of Mind, for Peace with the Lord, his Uncle enquired of him as to his Condition; and he answered, as followeth, 'Some times I think I shall recover, and other times I think I shall not; but my desire is, If I recover, to Improve my

‘ my Time.—I find most Ease in sub-
 ‘ mitting my self unto the Will of
 ‘ God.—I never wronged any Body
 ‘ knowingly, nor acted any Gross
 ‘ Thing ; but that which is my great
 ‘ Trouble, is, That I did not live so
 ‘ savory a Life and Conversation, as
 ‘ I should have done ; but gave way
 ‘ to Lightness, that was hurtful to
 ‘ me, which if I live, I hope to warn
 ‘ others of ; and said to his Uncle and
 ‘ Aunt, ‘ Whenever you reproved me
 ‘ for such things, I was always glad
 ‘ of it ; but did not take that notice
 ‘ of it, that I now see I ought to have
 ‘ done : That which seemed but lit-
 ‘ tle to me then, now seems a great
 ‘ deal ; but if I should live, and not
 ‘ Improve my Time, it’s best for me
 ‘ to go now, for I am in hopes there
 ‘ is Mercy for me.

He departed this Life, the 18th of
 the 11th Month, 1709. so that he
 lay Sick but three Days : Therefore
 it’s needful for all to Improve the
 present Time, fear God, and live
 soberly therein, and to have their
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Conversations coupled therewith, and to take heed to Reproof; not give way to Lightness, nor esteem that a little thing; for it behoves Young Men and Women, and all, to be sober, and gird up the Loins of their Minds, and hope to the End.

O *Liver Sansom*, late of *Abbingdon*, formerly of *Farrington* in *Berkshire*, was Convinced of the Blessed Truth of God in the Year, 1657. received it in the Love thereof, and was faithful to it, and the Lord was pleased, (having fitted him for his Service, and endued him with Wisdom, Understanding, and sound Judgment) to call him into the Ministry, to Preach and Labour in the Gospel of Christ, and Love of God for the good of Souls; which he did freely in this Nation, and *Ireland*, and was a Valiant Sufferer for the Truth, and the Testimony thereof, against all Swearing and Tythes, and what the Lord raised

raised him up in his Power, to testify against. See the Account thereof, that is in Print, called, *Remarkable Passages of his Life, &c.* Printed by J. Sowle, London. Who when on his Death Bed, a Friend came in Love to see him, said, *We that are Young in Years, shall greatly miss thy Company amongst us, to which O. S. Reply'd, By Reason of my Age, it's not likely I should continue long with you; but be you Faithful, as I have been, and you will have the same Reward as I am like to have; and be you Followers of Christ, as you have had me for an Example, for I have been true to what the Lord hath committed to my Charge.*

He was Released, and taken from all his Troubles and Exercises here below, and received by the Lord into his Paradise, the 23d of the 1d Month, 1710. and his Body was honourably Buried at *Abbingdon*.

Aged about 74 Years.

Samuel

S Amuel Right, of Wellingborow in
 Northamptonshire, a faithful and
 honest Man, that the Lord Called,
 Qualified, Commissionated, and Sent
 freely to Preach the Gospel of Life
 and Salvation by Jesus Christ, was
 greatly Beloved and very Serviceable
 in the Country where he lived, and
 adorned the Doctrine of God our Sa-
 viour, by a Conversation becoming
 the Gospel; and was of a good Repute
 amongst his Neighbours. Being vi-
 sited by the Lord with Bodily Weak-
 ness, being at a time somewhat bet-
 ter, was below Stairs, but after a
 while he went up, and when he was
 up, his Wife asked him if he was not
 spent; he said, ' I feel so much Com-
 fort, and so much of the Goodness
 of the Lord, I am come up, that
 thou may'st partake of the same
 with me; and she said, *She in some
 measure did, tho' under Exercise, because
 of his Weakness*; he said to her often,
 ' Do not trouble and grieve for me;
 ' for

' for the Lord may raise me up still,
 ' if he sees it best ; if not be conten-
 ' ted, and put thy trust in the Lord,
 ' he can make hard things easie ; ad-
 ding, ' Is it not better to part from
 ' thy Husband in this Condition,
 ' wherein thou art satisfied it will be
 ' well with him, than if not ? His
 Wife Reply'd, *It will be well with thee*
I am well satisfied, and that is the greatest
Comfort I have in parting from thee ; but
still my Loss is the greater, to part with
such a good Husband, with whom (if the
Lord saw good) it might be as well ano-
ther time, or some Years hence : He an-
 swered, ' It must not be another time,
 ' the Lord's time, is the best time. —
 ' I should be glad to see thee in a Mind
 ' to submit to the Will of the Lord
 ' in all things ; for it troubles me to
 ' see thee so sorrowful ; It will not
 ' be thy Case alone ; altho' I know it
 ' will be hard for thee to bear. I
 ' would not have thee cast thy self
 ' down, for then thou wilt not be
 ' able to look after me, and I shall
 ' like no Body so well.

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Another time, some Neighbours came to see him, with whom was a great Professor; they asked him how he was, he answered, ' He was troubled with Pain of Body, and Sick besides; they reply'd, *He had been Sick a long time*; he said, ' He never thought the time long, nor tedious, he had so much of the Enjoyment of the Presence of the Lord, and felt so much Comfort, that he never thought the Time long, nor his Afflictions tedious, (saying) he was as sensible as in a time of Health, and his Faith the same as it had been; and his Mind was stay'd upon the Lord, and his Life was in his Hand. He farther said, ' He had not his Work to do; declaring largely his great Satisfaction, how Happy he should be in the World to come; saying, ' He had a tast and earnest of it. Another time, a Friend, with several others visiting him, he was much concerned to exhort Friends to love one another, and to strengthen one another, saying, ' It's well known
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' what Labour of Love, and Travel
 ' of Spirit, I have had amongst you,
 ' for the Service of Truth. And ex-
 pressed the great Love of God to his
 Soul, saying, ' What can I desire
 ' more, I am fully satisfied Eternal
 ' Life will be my Portion, and the
 ' Comfort that I feel, out-ballances
 ' my Pain : And so returned Praises
 to the Lord, and was freely resigned
 up unto his Will ; saying, ' There
 ' was but two things for which he
 ' could desire to live, and that was,
 ' for the sake of his Family, and up-
 ' on the Service of Truth. And then
 desired his dear Wife, not to be too
 much grieved, but to be freely re-
 signed to the Will of God, saying,
 ' If she had her Eye to the Lord, he
 ' would bless her.

And said farther, ' The Lord that
 ' hath been and is my Comfort, will
 ' be thy Comfort, and that is my Con-
 ' solation, and will be thy Consola-
 ' tion, for thou had'st not thy Eye to
 ' Beauty ; thou had'st not thy Eye to
 ' Riches ; but thy Choice was for one
 ' that

' that feared the Lord : Therefore
 ' I do believe the Lord had a Bless-
 ' ing for thee. (and being concern'd
 ' for his dear Wife, he added,) Seeing
 ' the Lord provided a Husband for
 ' thee, according to thy desire, can't
 ' not thou say with Job, *The Lord*
 ' *gives, and the Lord takes away, blessed*
 ' *be the Name of the Lord.* Remember
 ' what Job said to his Wife, *Shall we*
 ' *receive good at the Hand of God, and*
 ' *shall we not receive Evil ;* for although
 ' the Lord gave thee a Husband, ac-
 ' cording to thy Desire, thou art not
 ' willing to give him up into his
 ' Hands ; for it would be better for
 ' thee, and easier for me; she answer-
 ' ed, *It's too hard for me to do at present,*
 ' *but the Lord could make hard things*
 ' *easy, if I could put my trust in him.*
 ' Then he said, ' Remember how it
 ' was with Jephtha, who had but one
 ' only Daughter, and when he had
 ' made a Vow, That if the Lord would
 ' give him Victory over his Enemies, what-
 ' soever came first forth out of his House
 ' to meet him, should surely be the Lord's.
 ' and

' and the first that came was his
 ' Daughter; so he bid her remember
 ' the Nobility of the Damsel, when
 ' her Father wept to see her, *he said;*
 ' *Ember, if thou hast opened thy Mouth*
 ' *unto the Lord, do to me according to*
 ' *that which proceeded out of thy Mouth.*
 ' And she gave up her self, and can't
 ' not thou give up me.

Another time, some came to see
 him, to whom he declared he had
 great satisfaction to die, saying, ' I
 ' feel the Lord to be with me, and
 ' what would the great Men of the
 ' Earth give, to feel the same Peace
 ' with God, when they come to lie
 ' upon a dying Bed. He utter'd ma-
 ' ny more sweet Exhortations to his
 ' Wife and Friends, to the tendering
 ' and affecting of the Hearts of those
 there present; saying, ' If I find my
 ' self weaker in Body, I should be glad
 ' to have Friends in general to come
 ' and see me, to wait upon God to-
 ' gether.

Another time, he said, ' In all
 ' the Afflictions as ever I met with,
 ' my

' my Mind was never so stay'd as in
 ' this, my Mind being so much out of
 ' the Incumbring Things of this
 ' World, that I do believe this Af-
 ' fliction will be for my good ; with
 much more.

Another time, he said, ' He did
 ' not know but Death might come of
 ' a suddain, but it would be no Sur-
 ' prisal to him ; for I am both ready
 ' and willing to die ; or if it should
 ' please the Lord to restore him, he
 ' could be willing to live, for the sake
 ' of his Family ; or that he might be
 ' serviceable in the Gospel, for the
 ' Promotion of Truth ; but said, ' I
 ' have such Satisfaction, and full Af-
 ' surance of my Future Being, that
 ' my Heart is often overcome with
 ' Joy ; with much more.

At another time, he said, ' Lord
 ' thou visited me in my Youth, when
 ' I was but Young in Years, and I
 ' was given up to serve thee ; as was
 ' Stripling *David*, when he went to
 ' Battle against the Uncircumcised
 ' *Philistine* ; for he went in the Name
 ' of

of the Lord. He also spake concerning the *Golden Serpent*, how the *Israelites* were to lay thereon, and upon it being a *Golden Serpent*, by a *Worm*, whose *Branch* run over the *Wall*; saying, The Archers shot at him, but the Bow of Faith was too strong for them. Also he said, It will be well with me when I am gone to another World; tho' said he, I have not Death very much in my View. I have been as tho' I was at the Brink of the Grave; but the Lord hath been pleased to spare me a little longer.

Another time, Friends coming to see him after a Meeting, one said to him, Thou hast had a long time of *Illness*; he replied, I do not think the time long, by reason I have felt so much of the Goodness of the Lord unto me: And he testified saying, That according to my Strength, great hath been my Labour, and Travel in Spirit, for the Prosperity of *Sion*, and the Welfare of *Jerusalem*; since I was exercised with affliction, and so bowed down, and went to Prayer.

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Another time, he said unto several Friends, 'I see the Wonders of the Lord in the Deep, and what I now enjoy of the Goodness of God, is beyond what I can Express, and the Lord hath been always with me in my Afflictions, and is still with me; with many more sweet Expressions, that are not noted.

And one asking him at another time, how he did, he said, 'I am poorly, but I think I shall not die at present, or suddenly, but I have not my Work to do.

At another time, about an Hour before his Departure, being restless as he lay in Bed, his Mother said, *My poor dear Child*; to which he answered, *I am Rich*; and so he departed this Life, the 29th Day of the 3d Month, 1710.

He was Buried in Friends Burying-Ground. And was accompanied thither with many Friends and others, and divers good Testimonies were then born unto the Truth.

Christopher

Chris^topher Richardson, late of *Bux-*
ton in *Yorkshire*, was born at
Carperby, in the same County, of ho-
nest Parents, and was Religiously
Educated.

In the time of his Weakness of Bo-
dy, which increased so much upon him,
that his Recovery was somewhat que-
stioned, his Wife speaking to him,
asked him how it was with him; he
answered, 'It was no light matter
'to be concerned about our Soul's
'Salvation; (but said,) 'I feel hopes
'to spring. Then taking his Wife
by the Hand, he said, 'My dear, thou
'hast been a Loving and Obedient
'Wife to me; I desire thee to keep
'in Patience, the Lord will be a Hus-
'band to thee, and he will provide
'for thee, he did take Care for thee
'before thou hadst a Husband. So
'he that did thus help thee through
'many Troubles and deep Exercises;
'he is the same that ever he was; he
'will be strength to thee in time of

Weakness. It was the Lord's Providence that brought us together; and he hath many times honoured us with his Presence; but whether we be separated now or not, the Lord's Will be done, for we have had a comfortable time together, and I desire we may have a comfortable parting, and things may be made easie to thee.

Then he spoke to his Father, and said, ' This I have to say to thee, Thou hast been dear and tender over me, and much concerned about me, and thy Care hath been to bring me up in Truth's Way; the Lord will reward thee for it in another World.

His Father reply'd, *Child, and this I have to say for thee, Thou hast been a Dutiful Child to me.* Then his Son said to him again, ' Remember my dear Love [or Duty] to my tender Mother, and desire her to keep in Patience. Then to his Brother John, he said, ' Keep in the Fear of the Lord, Let it be always before thee, and

' and it will learn thee true Wisdom,
 ' and love the Teachings of the Lord
 ' Jesus Christ, and that which inward-
 ' ly doth check and reprove for Evil :
 ' hearken to that inward Voice, that
 ' tells thee when thou art turning to
 ' the Right Hand, or to the Left; for
 ' they that disobey the Teachings of
 ' it, and will have none of it's Re-
 ' proofs, a Day of Desolation will
 ' overtake them, before they be a-
 ' ware, and such will be Ruined for-
 ' ever. Then taking a Brother of his
 ' by the Hand, he said, ' Farewel, I do
 ' with thy Eternal Welfare, and de-
 ' sire thee to be faithful to what God
 ' hath made known to thee; for I
 ' believe thou knowest enough, give
 ' up to the Manifestation of the Spi-
 ' rit of Truth, and bring thy Chil-
 ' dren up in the Nurture of it. The
 ' Brother answered, *We can do nothing*
 ' *of our selves, without God Almighty's*
 ' *Assistance*; his Reply was, ' God hath
 ' extended a Measure of his Grace un-
 ' to every one to profit withal; so
 ' that there will be no pleading of

' Excuse: I desire thee to have a care
 ' of giving way to that which will
 ' draw thy Mind away from the Lord,
 ' for if thou dost, thou wilt be undone
 ' for ever, as sure as I hold thee by
 ' the Hand.

He also declared, ' He was wil-
 ' ling to leave the World, and all that
 ' might be enjoyed in it, if it should
 ' please the Lord to take him away
 ' at that time, that he might leave a
 ' good favour behind him; signifying
 the Troubles that are here, and the
 Peace that is with the Lord, and his
 Satisfaction he had in his own Parti-
 cular. One that was by, said, *It's*
well it's so with thee, I am glad to hear
such Expressions from thee; he then
 said to them about him, ' There are
 ' many when they are brought Low in
 ' Sicknes, begins to consider how
 ' they have spent their Time, and sees
 ' their Lamps untrimm'd, and wanteth
 ' Oil, like the Foolish Virgins, that's
 ' ready to say, *Oh! that it would please*
 ' *the Lord to lengthen their Days, so as*
 ' *to raise them up again;* then they
 would

‘ *should be better prepared for their Final*
 ‘ *Change.*

Then he said, ‘ I see a Portion in
 ‘ the Kingdom of Heaven, a Place a-
 ‘ mong the Sanctified, is better than
 ‘ a thousand Worlds: So (said he)
 ‘ let not the things of this World
 ‘ hinder you; for the Cares of this
 ‘ Life, and cumbering Things, do but
 ‘ grieve to Bondage.

Then he said, ‘ My dear Love to
 ‘ all my Brothers and Sisters; I de-
 ‘ sire they may be careful to bring up
 ‘ their Children in the Nurture of
 ‘ Truth; adding, Tell my Sister Jane
 ‘ from me, that she be not unkind-
 ‘ ful of her First Love; but that she
 ‘ bow to Truth, and stand in the Do-
 ‘ minion of it, and learn Humility,
 ‘ and prize Truth above all.

He then remembered his Love to
 some particular Friends; and added,
 ‘ My Love is to all faithful Friends, af-
 ‘ ter which his Wife asked him how it
 was with him; he said, ‘ I am very easie,
 ‘ the Lord’s Will be done: Then he
 ceased to speak any more for a while,

till about three or four Hours before he departed ; and then he said, (tho' with a very low Voice) *Seek, Seek, Christ Jesus our Saviour* ; these were the last Words those present could Remember. He was Patient in his Sickness, and freely resigned to the Will of the Lord, and concerned in Love to give Advice, as aforesaid, and declare his Sense and Experience of the Lord's Goodness and Salvation by him ; and no doubt is entered into that (which as he declared to his Wife in the early Part of his Sickness, is better than outward Rest) the Paradise of God, or Holy Kingdom of Eternal Life and Glory, where his Soul will rest in Peace forever.

He departed this Life, the 7th of the 6th Month, 1706. and was buried the 9th at *Carperby*, in Friends Burying-Ground, being accompanied thither with many Friends and Neighbours.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Haydock, Daughter of Henry and Martha Haydock, was Born at Warrington in Lancashire, the 17th of the 6th Month, 1686. her Father died before she was two Years Old, and she was Educated amongst the People of God called Quakers, by her Mother, and was Loving and Obedient to her till Death, and lived in Love and Peace with her Brother and Sister, and was very Affectionate to them, never known to Jar or contend with them: She was of a kind and courteous Behaviour to all, by which she gained abundance of Love, both with Great and Small. Some time before her Death, she laboured with her Mother, for her Consent, that she might go and live with some honest Friend, to which her Mother at last complied, and she went unto her beloved Uncle Robert Haydock; but in a short time, being taken Ill, returned to her Mother, and soon after she came Home, said,

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I fully believe I must not Recover, and I
 am content in the Will of God. Her
 Sicknes continuing, her Mother, Bro-
 ther, and Sister were desirous a Do-
 ctor might be had, which was propos'd
 to her, and she said, To make you easie,
 I am willing, but I believe he will do me
 no good, for I must not recover, I believe.
 Then her Mother seeing she grew
 very Weak, asked her, how things
 were with her, as to her future State
 in the World to come; she after some
 due Deliberation said, My dear Mo-
 ther, I am no ways afraid to die, for
 things are now well, I have a very easie
 Conscience upon all Accounts, and towards e-
 very Body; I find nothing to trouble me in my
 way but thee, my tender Mother, I fear
 it will be hard for thee; but be thou easie,
 for I am well; and if I live to Old Age,
 I can but be well; I am given up to die,
 or to live, as the Lord pleaseth, since I
 came to thee; but before I came, I had a
 hard time, the Enemy would needs have
 perswaded me, that there was little hope
 for me, and that I should not find Peace,
 under which I wept and labour'd, now
 knowing

feeling my Sorrow I was in, neither did
 I make it known to any till now; but I
 bless God I am now satisfied, and free
 from any Fear, and believe all will be well,
 and I shall go to Rest; for dear Mother,
 I see nothing but Trouble in the World,
 and I do not desire to live in it; we must
 leave it. And tho' her Weakness con-
 tinued, and her Pain was sharp, she
 was preserved still and quiet, and in
 abundance of Patience, and was not
 heard to murmur in the least; but
 said, Lord afflict me how thou plearest, for
 thou wilt but be pleased to give me Pati-
 ence, and an easie Passage at last; then she
 lay still some time, and after said unto
 her Mother, (being then under a deep
 travel of Spirit, because of her sore
 Affliction) Let us Pray to the Lord:
 Soon after her Mother kneeled down
 and prayed unto the Lord for her, and
 freely resigned her up to him, that
 his Will might be done in and with
 her; after which she was pretty easie
 in her self, and said, Oh! dear Mo-
 ther, I once thought I never should have
 come to that Experience I now have; for
 I now

I now know a stay to my Mind, and a Silence to my own Thoughts: I was at times quit of all thoughts of the things of this World. Her Mother being weeping by her, she said, Weep not, my tender Mother, it's better for me to die, than to live; her Mother said, If it be the Will of the Lord, I desire none of mine might die of such a Lingerings Distemper, as now thou art under, thy Pain is so great: She reply'd, Do not desire so, for it's sad for Youth to be quickly snap'd away, and not have time to remember their latter End, it hath been good for me.

About two Weeks before she died, she took her Bed, for the most of which time she uttered many sweet and sensible Expressions; one time her Mother withdrew from her into another Room, yet in her hearing, and heard her say unto the Lord, All Might Power and Glory is with thee, and continued pouring forth her Spirit unto God, saying, Lord I am ready; Oh! tarry not sweet Lord:—Oh! Deliverance, Deliverance, I cry to thee for:
O! God,

Oh! God; deliver my Soul, I feel nothing to hinder; but, Oh! Lord, if anything be in my way, remove it, Oh! my God. After said to her Mother, I fear thou holds me, Oh! do not so; neither weep for me, for my Tears are dried up; I feel no cause for any; neither mourn for me, for I shall go to Rest: I had rather be with Almighty God, than enjoy all this World, it's nothing to me.

At another time, when her Mother and Relations thought her near going, recovering a little Strength, she kissed her Mother, Father, Brother, and Sisters, and said, Lord Jesus receive my Spirit:—I am ready, carry not, but deliver me out of my Pain; her Mother said, 'The Lord is supplicated for thee, and thy Deliverance draws near, I do believe, and thy time will not be long; my Spirit is earnest with him, that he may ease thee; but it is the Lord, he must do what he pleaseth; Breath thou to him, my dear Child, for Patience. She reply'd, *Poor Job had it, and the Lord hath given it me all along*

about, and *thou* he will give it me *fast*.
Then she desired that her dear
Friend, Benjamin Bagg, might be sent
for, and he was, and came, and af-
ter he had been some time with her,
she fixed her Eyes upon him stedfast-
ly, and said, *My Pain is very great,*
Pray thou to the Lord for me; and was
very still a while, in which time the
Spirit of Prayer from God came up-
on him, and he prayed both Power-
fully, and with much Ferrency of Spi-
rit to the Almighty for her, that it
might please him to ease her of her
Pain: And the Lord was intreated
for her, and in a little time her Pain
was wholly taken away: and she said,
*I thank thee Lord, I am again sent to Bo-
dy and Soul:—I have nothing to do,*
but wait the Lord's time: and that
Night had some Rest, and lay very
easy, and free from Pain, and in the
Morning said to her Mother, *My dear*
Mother, I love thee above all
the World; and my Love to all my dear
Relations; *I shall see them no more,* and
to my dear Aunt at Rensselaer, who was
kind

Next day she said to her Mother, with a cheerful Countenance, *Dear Mother, I have now done, Four or Twelve of the Clock, I think I shall not pass that time, be thou easie and content, or else thy time will be but short, there is nothing in all this World hath been so dear to me as thee; but I hope thou canst not desire my stay.*

Her Mother asked her if she was sensible of her Coldness; she reply'd, *Yea, and of my Sweating too, and if it's Death's Spear it's welcome to me; for it be so to thee, dear Mother; the Lord Jesus is my Saviour, I can embrace Death with open Arms, it's welcome. I fear nothing; I have sometimes heard thee, and some other Friends say in Afflictions, 'That the Dead, tho' never so 'lovely when alive, was in no way 'pleasant to the Living, when dead. 'I am pers dead, and must be buried out of thy sight: The Lord be with our Spirits, and bless you all; and went away like a Lamb innocently, the 8th of*

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of the 6th Month, 1710. and was
Buried the 15th of the same be-
ing attended to her Grave with ma-
ny Friends, and others.

Aged 24 Years, wanting 8 Days.

John Banks, was Born in the Year,
1637. in *Sunderland*, in the Pa-
rish of *Issell* in the County of *Cum-
berland*, of honest Parents, his Fa-
ther a *Fellmonger* and *Glove-maker*.
At 10 Years of Age, he was (by the
great Power and pure Spirit of God,
and Revelation thereof, in and
through the Lord Jesus Christ) in his
Heart brought to the Knowledge of
God, and the Way of his blessed
Truth, before ever he heard any one
called *Quaker* Preach; and in him-
self was directed to go to the Meet-
ing of the said People, it being shown
him, and Signified to him they were
the Lord's People: So he went the
next First-Day to a Meeting of the
afore-said People at *Pardshaw*, where
very few Words were spoken; but a
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Esper was therein Read, which was
 suitable to his Condition, and through
 waiting diligently in the Light of
 Christ. And keeping to the Power
 of God, he came to Experience the
 Work thereof, and Freedom from
 Bondage, through Faithfulness unto
 the Lord.

In the Year, 1663. he being Qua-
 lified by the Lord, was drawn in his
 Spirit to visit some Neighbouring
 Counties, and Laboured in the Work
 of the Ministry.

And in the Year, 1668. he being
 farther grown in the Truth, was
 made willing to forsake all, to an-
 swer the Lord's Requirings, and he
 travelled into the *South and West* of
England in the Lord's Service, and
 after that from Year to Year he La-
 boured Zealously to Preach the Gos-
 pel of Peace, not only in *England*, but
Scotland and *Ireland*, he cross'd the Sea
 12 times, and often with great Diffi-
 culty, and danger of Life by Sea, (in
 great Tempests and Storms) and
 Robbers on Land. And was made
 Instru-

Instrumental to turn many (by his zealous Labours in the Gospel of God) to Righteousness, who remain Witnesses unto the same; and Seals of his Ministry. He had much Suffering by Loss of Goods, Imprisonment and Hardships therein; which he was enabled to go through; for the Lord was with him, and supported him, and blessed his Labours; so that many both Men and Women, were convinced and confirmed in the Truth by him, and became faithful and able Ministers, and so continued until Death, and others yet remain. In the Year 1660 he Married his Second Wife, at *Glastonbury* in *Somersetshire*, settled at *Atter*, till about 2 Years before his Death, he removed unto *Strat*, in the said County. He likewise was concerned, in the Love of God, a Month or two before his Death, notwithstanding his Age and Weakness, to Visit Friends at divers of their Meetings, and had Comfortable Seasons with them, both at their Meetings of Publick

ick Worship, and their Monthly Meetings; bold for to take Care of the Poor and Fatherless Children and Widows; for he was Zealous for good Order, and Christian Discipline in the Church, and that those things that were honest, just, pure, and of Good Report, and that had any Praise in them, should be followed. And indeed it was admirable to those that knew him, and the weak Condition he was in, how (in his last Journey at *Sammerton*) he was in the Meeting (which was very large) enabled to Preach near an Hour and half, and bore a sound Testimony to Truth, and against outside-Shews, that wanted Substance, with much Presence of Mind, and with Good Distinction in his Doctrine, the which gave Demonstration, not only of the Strength of his Memory, quick Understanding, but sound Judgment in things Spiritual. And his Preaching was Comfortable, Refreshing, and Edifying to the Meeting; and he earnestly pressed Friends to the faith.

faithful to the little and small Appearance of Truth, encouraging such as were weak (on whom *Amaleck* chooleth to vent his Malice) to a holy Zeal.

But after Meeting, it was a sufficient Task for two Men to lead him to his Quarters; tho' he was very cheerful, and signified his great Satisfaction in that his Service and Travel, and next went to Friends Meeting at *Puddymore*, and after to a Meeting at *Teopell*, where many Friends were, and in his Publick Service there, he was very lively and quick in discerning the States of several there, and after returned Home, where in the 7th Month, 1710. he was taken with great Pain in his Back; yet he often said, *Though my Pain is great, my Soul doth Magnifie the Lord for his Goodness towards me*; adding, *He hath provided a good Place for me in Heaven.*

And on the 22d of the 7th Month, 1710. several Friends being present, after some time of waiting in Silence upon the Lord, he said these Words, or to this Effect:

Dear

Dear Friends, I Counsel you in the Love and Fear of God, to keep to your Meetings for the Worship and Service of God, both First-Days, and Week-Days, (mind that) and also Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, which were set up by the Power of God, to keep things in good Order amongst us. Farther he said, My Love hath been so great to Friends at Glastonbury, and Street, that I have ventured my Life in Riding through deep Waters to visit them, when I have had a Concern from God upon my Mind: So that you can say, I have been a good Example to you in keeping to Meetings, as well as in other things.

Then he said, Although I am weak in Body, and do not know whether I may live much longer, or not, (yet I do not see Death at present) however I am strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might, and have nothing to do but to die, for I am Rich in Faith and Good Works towards God, and my Cup is full of the Love of God; whether I live or die, it will be well with my Soul; for, blessed be
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The Lord, As was said, the Holy and
 faithful Apostle Paul: 'Thou hast fought
 a good Fight, I have kept the Faith,
 henceforth there is laid up for me
 a Crown of Righteousness, (and did
 the Apostle say for himself only? No; he
 was wiser than so.) 'But to all them
 that love his Appearing.

Some Friends of Somerton taking
 their Leave of him, he said to them,
 Give my dear Love to Friends at Som-
 erton, and tell them that my Soul is
 given unto God. And to a Young Man
 with them of that Place, (lately Con-
 vinced) dear John Bapts said, Art
 thou the Young Man that lives at Som-
 erton lately Convinced of the Blessed
 Truth? He answered, Yes, The Lord
 (said J. B.) be with thee, and I desire
 thee, in his Love, to give up in Obedi-
 ence to the working of the Spirit of God
 in thy Heart, and then he will do Great
 and Glorious Things for thee, and do not
 thou stumble at the Cross; for the more
 thou looks at it, and puts it off, the harder
 it will be for thee to take up.

To another Friend, when he took
 him

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was looking him whispering, *He said,
my Love is to thee, and all the faithful
on Earth.*

To another that bid him farewell,
he answered, *Thy Love is well in the Lord,
my Love is to thee, and all the faithful
on Earth.* adding, *Joseph is yet alive,
and shall be long.* Then he earnestly
desired Friends to accept his *Unity
of the Spirit, which is the Bond of Peace.*

A great deal more good Advice,
in the Living and Eternal Power of
the Great Eternal God that attended
him, he gave, which is now *Noted*;
but at the Delivery thereof, the
Hearts of many were tendered, and
Tears ran down from their Eyes.

On the 24th of the 7th Month, a
Friend visiting him, asked him how
it was with him; he answered, *Very
Sick, and full of Pain in my Feet and
Legs, Thighs and Bowels; but the Lord
helps me, else I should cry out aloud, Truth
helps me, and ever hath since I believed
in it.*

And the Day he died, being the
6th of the 8th Month, 1710. and
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6th Day of the Week, he said to a
Friend, it's well with me, and I have
nothing to do but to die, and said, I
shall end in Truth as I began. So had
an Easie Passage hence, after all
his Labours, Sufferings, and Travels,
is enter'd into Rest, and there's no
doubt of his Portion in the Everlast-
ing Kingdom of Eternal Glory, for
Ever, to sound forth Praises and Hal-
lujahs unto the Lord God, and the
Lamb that sits upon the Throne, who
is worthy.

He was Honourably Buried in
Friends Burying-Ground at Street in
Somersetshire, the 12th of the 8th
Month, 1710.

Aged 73

Convinced 57

A Minister 47

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